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Who are the boys that are coming along to arouse new interest in boxing? Nat Loubet will give you that information and Stanley Weston will tell you about the comeback of wrestling to Madison Square Garden after a lapse of many years.

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"The Lost Art", an article that was advertised for the April issue by Jersey Jones unfortunately could not be used but will appear in the May number.

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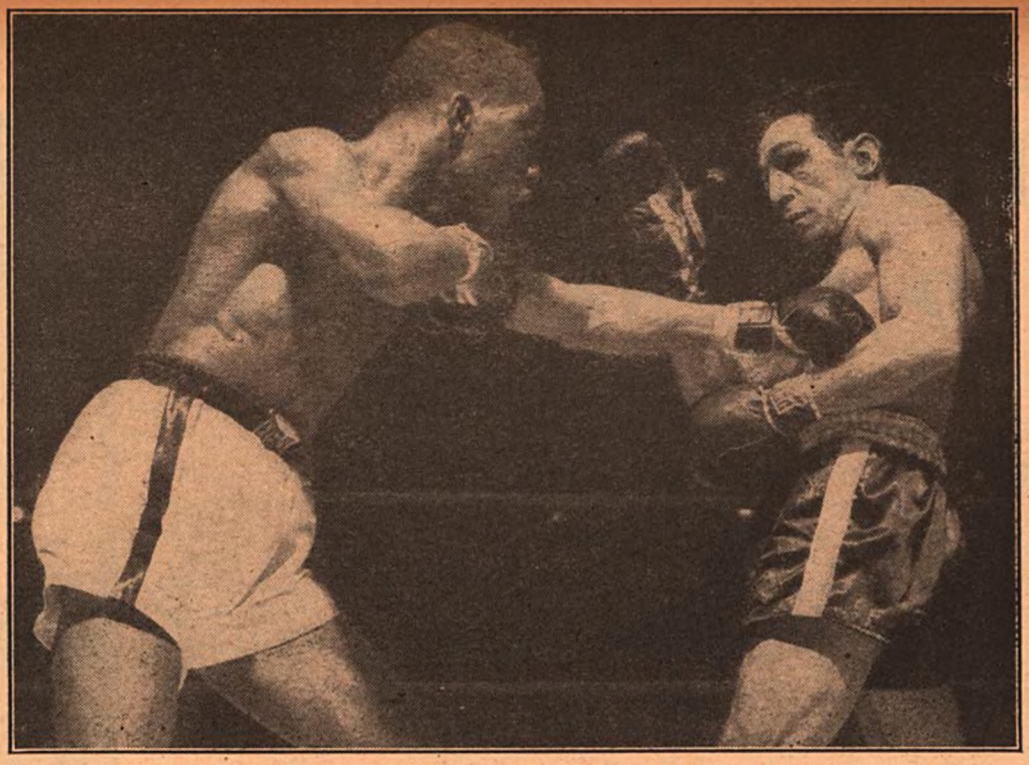


Sandy Saddler (left), defending champion shoots a left to Pep's body but Willie, in a most remarkable comeback fight, backs away. The fight between these two feathers, the world's greatest, was the talk of millions who saw it either in television or were present in the Garden.

By JERSEY JONES

NOT since Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers staged their gruelling two-bout argument for the lightweight title back in '38 and '39 has a "hotter" rivalry developed in the championship ranks of the lighter divisions than the current one between featherweights Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.

Pep's remarkable 15-round triumph in the furious second meeting in Madison Square Garden, after Saddler's stunning four-round kayo in the first bout, has made a third episode one of the most attractive entries on the New York fistic agenda.

By the time this appears in print, it is quite likely that Harry Markson, enterprising General Manager of Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club, will have signed Willie and Sandy for a June or July date.

There has been some talk of the bout being moved to the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds, but it probably would do as well in the Garden.

With a $15 top on the admission price scale, the scrap would draw in the neighborhood of $125,000 in the Eighth Avenue swatatorium.

We doubt if it would go much, if any, higher in one of the baseball parks, and the increased rental, labor and other expenses entailed in an outdoor promotion would hardly make the venture a sensible one from a promotional standpoint.

On the basis of a $125,000 gate, it would cost the 20th Century at least $25,000 more to stage a card in either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds than it would in the Garden.

The second match between Pep and Saddler played to a complete sellout crowd of 19,097—some 8,000 of them Willie's loyal cohorts from Connecticut—and with a $10 top prevailing, the gross hit $87,563, a new world record for a featherweight fight.

PEP, the new Old Master, needed every trick in his vast repertoire to pull out ahead of the lanky, vicious-punching Saddler in as bitter a brawl as the Garden has housed in some little time.

The advancing years and a busy career may have taken something out of Willie, physically. And there is no saying how much more was lost in that near-fatal 'plane crash two years ago.

But what Pep may miss in brawn is more than equalized by his stout fighting heart and one of the keenest brains in the ring.

Willie whipped Sandy by outgeneralling him. Ever on the move, the Hartford veteran would dart in and out, jabbing and hooking his left, shifting to this side or the other, ducking under Saddler's punches, twisting and spinning Sandy in close quarters, pushing him off-balance and befuddling the Harlemite with two-handed flurries.

But, with all his consummate cunning, with all his speed, skill and experience, Pep had several close calls from disaster, and was the more battered of the two at the finish.

Saddler forced the action from the start. He never stopped stalking Pep. But going into the tenth round, Sandy was far behind in points. He just couldn't seem to compete with the veteran's bewildering assortment of tricks. In the tenth, however, he finally nailed his elusive opponent with a savage right to the chin. Willie's legs buckled, and he seemed about to go down. Saddler tore into him, slamming away with both hands. But Pep, though hurt, knew enough to beat a hasty retreat around the ring, and to hold on desperately in close quarters, until his head cleared.

Again, in the fourteenth, Saddler rocked Pep with an explosive left hook, but the round ended before the skinny Harlemite could follow up his advantage.

THE fifteenth and final stanza was the roughest of them all for Pep.

Realizing his only chance of winning was to knock Willie out, Saddler cut loose with everything he had. He chased the fast-tiring veteran for nearly two minutes, but finally caught up to him, and doubled Pep over with a vicious two-handed body pounding.

His face a sorry mess of cuts and bruises, Willie was near exhaustion in that dramatic last minute of the furious brawl. His legs rubbery, his eyes glassy, Pep would not go down. He clutched Saddler with arms in a grip from which Sandy could not fight himself loose. When they finally were separated, Saddler missed a wild right, and fell against the ropes. Pep grabbed him from behind in another embrace that required all the strength of Referee Eddie Joseph, a heavyweight, to break.

Weary and battered though he was, Willie was still on his feet when the final gong clanged—once more the featherweight champion of the world.

The decision in his favor was unanimous with all three officials. Joseph scored it 10 rounds to 5 for Willie. Judge Jack O'Sullivan tabbed it 9-6, and the other judge, Frank Forbes, had 9-5 with one even.

It was a great fight between the world's two top feathers.

NO-DECISION BILL AN AID *to* GAMBLERS

By AL BUCK

WHEN Jimmy Walker drafted the boxing law that bears his name, he gave the judges equal power with the referee in rendering a decision. He did this because he wanted to provide for a majority opinion. If one arrived at a verdict that did not square with the facts, the other two would correct it. It was a reasonable supposition and it has worked down through the years.

Senator Walker was familiar with the Frawley Law which had been killed in 1917. The Frawley Law provided for 10-round no-decision fights. Supposed to discourage gambling, it didn't. People will always bet and they left it to the newspapers to give the decision to decide their wagers. The Walker Law came into existence three years after the Frawley Law died. Operating under the rules and regulations written into the bill by Jimmy Walker, boxing has enjoyed its greatest prosperity in the last 29 years.

Of course the Walker Law is not perfect, but it is surprising that the attempt to amend it in the New York State Legislature this year calls for a return to the no-decision days. Assemblyman A. Joseph Ribustello offered the amendment to end decisions in boxing bouts for the purpose of driving "gamblers and unwanted persons out of the game."

NO doubt Assemblyman Ribustello means well, but he has only to look at the varying opinions expressed by the different boxing writers following the recent Ike Williams-Kid Gavilan fight at Madison Square Garden to learn that the reporters are no different than the State Athletic Commission's officials.

The two judges voted for Gavilan and he received the decision. Referee Ruby Goldstein called it a draw. Lewis Burton of the Journal-American, Lester Bromberg of the World-Telegram, Jimmy Cannon on the Post Home News, Nat Fleischer of this magazine among others, all thought Williams was the winner. So did this writer in his article in the Post Home News the following day.

Dan Parker in the Mirror agreed with us. On the other hand Jim Jennings, Mirror; Jess Abramson, Herald Tribune; Leonard Cohen and Barney Nagler, Post Home News, all thought the judges had arrived at the correct verdict.

Under Assemblyman Ribustello's amendment there would have been no official verdict. The paying public would have been at the mercy of the boxing writers, of which I am one, and it is obvious that we can't agree. We seldom do as a glance into fistic history will reveal.

IN the old days when decisions were not permitted, bets were made on the newspaper verdicts. According to Francis Albertanti, veteran sports scribe, it was customary to make the wager payable on the majority opinion arrived at by the boxing writers on the Evening World, the Globe and the Mail. Occasionally the bet was left to a single sports writer, and it explains the famous "decision" arrived at by the late Walter St. Denis following the Packey McFarland-Jack Britton bout in 1913.

Walter was a great friend of Dan Morgan, Britton's manager, and he was a friend of Britton, too. Everybody gave the fight to McFarland. St. Denis wrote in his newspaper that Britton was the winner. Asked to explain why he differed so widely from the opinions of the other experts, Walter St. Denis replied in all seriousness:—

"From the southwest corner of the ring, where I was sitting, Britton was clearly the winner."

There were no-decisions permitted in New York. The same was the case in most other cities. About the only places where the referee was allowed to decide were Boston, New Orleans and California. In Denver you could have it either way. Youngstown, Ohio, was a no-decision town, yet you could get an official decision.

James J. Walker who sponsored law permitting decision bouts in New York.

In Youngstown the referee was Mike McHale. He was also the sports editor of a local newspaper. He couldn't give the decision in the ring, but when his paper came out the next day, his verdict was that of the referee.

"I'd call it a semi-official decision," explained Jersey Jones, veteran boxing writer and manager, the other day.

THE Associated Press paid little attention to fights out of town in the no-decision years. The managers usually made their own decisions, wiring the results to the New York newspapers. Frequently their thrilling stories of ten round battles were written long before the men entered the ring. More often than not they were filed before the fight was over.

"This was the case at least once when Jack Britton and Ted (Kid) Lewis met in the ring. They fought so many times, Dan Morgan, Britton's manager, doesn't remember the date or the town, but he does know he had an agreement with the late James J. Johnston, Lewis' manager, not to send anything out until the bout was over.

"About the fifth round I looked over to Lewis' corner and there was no Johnston," Morgan recalled. "I told my assistant to take over, and I went looking for Jimmy. I went straight to the telegraph office and who should I meet at the door? Jimmy Johnston of course.

"We both started laughing. Then we shook hands and agreed to wire the New York newspapers that the fight ended in a draw," Dumb Dan explained. "Johnston and I had many a race to be first on the wire. Sometimes he won, but usually I held my own."

THE champions had a tendency to keep their titles on ice in the no-decision days. The only way they could lose them was to get knocked out. Morgan managed Al McCoy, a Brooklyn southpaw. McCoy was game, tough and could punch. Nevertheless by championship standards he wasn't much of a fighter.

McCoy was to box Joe Chip, but when Joe became ill, his brother George, the middleweight champion, gladly substituted.

What could happen in a ten-round no-decision bout in the Broadway Arena, Brooklyn. Nothing? With the first punch McCoy flattened George Chip and became the world middleweight king, or the cheese champion as they called him.

"He was a 'bum,' but he was tough and you couldn't knock him out in ten rounds," Morgan declared. "Everybody outpointed him, but there were no decisions. George Chip almost killed him in a return bout, but McCoy was on his feet and still champion at the finish."

Tad, the famous cartoonist, on seeing McCoy in action, shouted to Morgan:—

"Will you tend to your other champs and give that stiff away!" Morgan did, giving him to his father. On November 14, 1917, the night the Frawley Law died, McCoy was knocked out in six rounds by Mike O'Dowd, who succeeded to the middleweight crown.

Jimmy Johnston liked to tell the story about the reporter from the North Side News, who had a social engagement and passed up the Gunboat Smith-Boer Rodel fight. The Gunner knocked Rodel down four times and won going away. Later the reporter phoned Johnston and asked him who won the fight.

Johnston told him and with details. Only he reversed everything. As Jimmy told it, Rodel floored Smith four times, and won going away. That's the way the fight was reported in the North Side News the next day.

THE sports writers had their problems. Bob Edgren used to write his column at the ringside and send it down to the paper. He noticed that a gambler was looking over his shoulder. Bob promptly wrote that Smith had won the fight, although Jones had a clear margin. That was all the gambler waited to see. He was off to bet on Edgren's decision—a sure thing, or so the gambler thought.

Edgren put the story in his pocket, went to his office and threw it away. He then sat down and wrote the correct account, declaring Jones the winner of course. The sure-thing gambler was clipped.

In the scramble to get the results into the newspapers it was common enough for a sports editor to receive two stories by wire, one from each manager, and of course two different results.

Silvie Burns, who handled many fighters, was not above wiring the result of a fight that never took place from a town where fights were never held. That was his method of building up his boys' records.

The smart managers were the ones who could get there first with the result. In their haste, they frequently forgot a round or two, and sometimes this proved disasterous. For instance there was the time Willie Gibbs took Ray Rivers, a California lightweight, to Allentown to box Mickey Donley of Newark.

Gibbs was on his toes. When the sixth round ended he wired the New York papers telling how Rivers had outpointed Donley in a fast ten round bout. In the ninth round, Donley knocked out Rivers!

DICK CURLEY was involved in a similar incident. He managed Young Brown. He had him fighting Paul Doyle one night, and at the end of eight rounds hastened to a telephone booth. He was phoning the result of Brown's victory when in the ninth round Doyle won by a knockout.

"The telephone was important," Dan Morgan explained. "There was only one phone in the Broadway Arena for example. The night Britton fought Mike O'Dowd there, I took a walk through the neighborhood. I discovered there were four public phones around there. Now I knew Britton had to beat O'Dowd.

"First I put Abe Yager in the phone in the club. Next I hired four fellows and put them in the phones in the neighborhood. I had Paddy Mullins, O'Dowd's manager, shut out, and in the papers the next day Britton was declared the winner," Morgan declared. "We had a lot of fun in those no-decision days. There were a lot of near-sighted writers."

MANY of the arguments caused by newspaper decisions continue down through the years. Abe Attell still insists he defeated Jem Driscoll in their famous ten-round no-decision fight at the old National. The majority of the newspapers gave Driscoll the nod, but the Little Champ claims the Morning Telegraph was official. The Telegraph declared Attell the winner.

Attell also has a letter from Jimmy Johnston, in which the late manager said he thought the fight was a draw. Johnston was one of Driscoll's representatives in America.

There is no doubt the fistic greats of the no-decision era frequently carried opponents. Return bouts were the rule, rather than the exception, but as Morgan explains it, "The public could be sure of ten fast rounds."

Titles did change hands in no-decision bouts. The Jack Dempsey-Jess Willard heavyweight championship fight at Toledo, Ohio, was signed for 12-rounds no-decision. Jack had to knock out Big Jess to win, which he did. Willard, a better fighter than he is now credited with being, also defended the title in a ten-round no-decision bout with Frank Moran in the old Garden. All newspapers said Jess won, but to keep the title all he had to do was stay on his feet.

Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion, thought he was safe when he took on Benny Leonard in a no-decision fight. They had met twice before and nothing had happened. It was reasonable for Welsh to believe he could dance through ten rounds with Leonard. Only Benny was improving and the third time was out for Freddie. The knockout came in the ninth round.

AL McCOY was the only champion to both win and lose a title in New York under the Frawley Law. McCoy, Mike O'Dowd and Leonard were the only champions crowned in New York rings during the six years the Frawley Law was in existence.

That in itself is a powerful argument against Assemblyman Ribustello's amendment. He proposes to turn back the clock by returning to a system that failed. The amendment to the Walker Law seems destined to die in committee, but it has served to recall an amusing period in boxing when the fighter with the fastest manager usually was the winner.

As Francis Albertanti puts it:—

"Under the Frawley Law, Willie and Dave Astey never lost a fight. They were managed by Joe Jacobs."

Leo P. Flynn was another manager who was quick in getting to the telegraph office. And sometimes there was the double cross. Bob (Papa) Levy was associated with Joe Smith in managing Tommy Loughran, who was to fight Jeff Smith in Scranton. Levy agreed with Al Lippe, Smith's manager, that he would telegraph the newspapers that the fight was a draw. Papa forgot or something, and the papers all stated that Loughran had won.

Jeff was an easy-going sort, but he felt his manager had been "double-crossed," and tactics of that sort didn't set at all well with him. For one of the few times in his long career, the Bayonne globe-trotter became incensed at the opposition. "Get me that Loughran again," he said to Lippe, "and I'll make somebody wish he had played fair with you."

Smith and Loughran met again a few weeks later in Philadelphia. This time there was no mistake. Jeff Smith, as clever a fighter as ever lived, gave young Loughran a boxing lesson for eight rounds. Just to make certain there would be no chance of the newspaper decision going astray, with the Philly writers voting for their home-town pride and joy, Jeff dropped Loughran a couple of times. He probably could have won by a knockout had he wanted, but he was satisfied to give Tommy a real licking, and let it go at that.

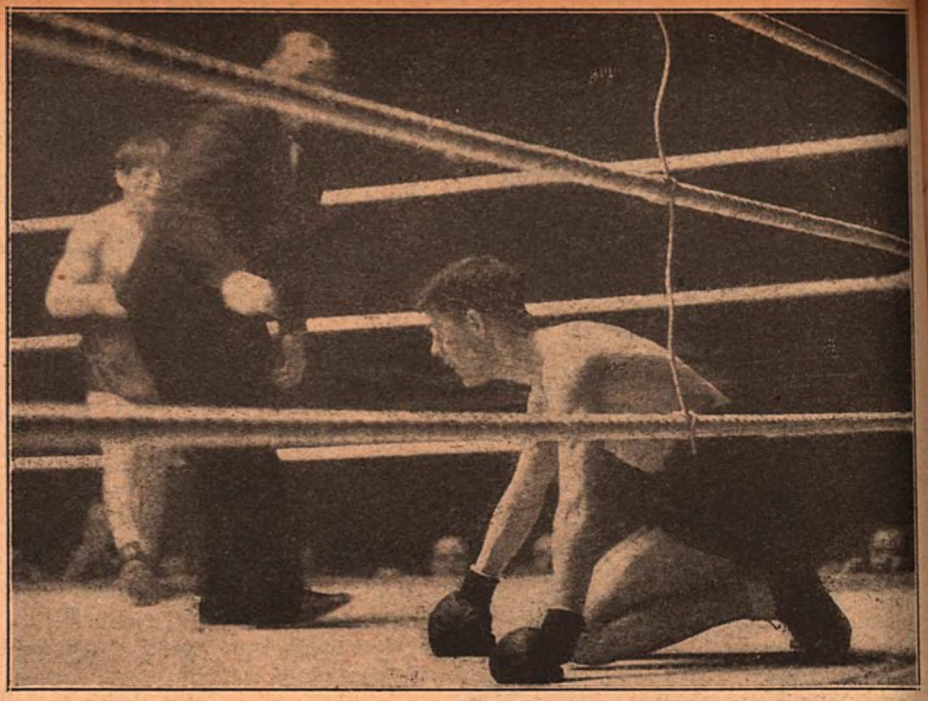
There are endless stories about the no-decision days, most of them amusing, although doubtless it was serious business at the time. Nobody wants to revive the dead past, and while Jimmy Walker's law isn't perfect it is better than any of the other fistic codes that have existed down through the years.

I'll have to vote an emphatic "no" on Assemblyman Ribustello's amendment, but remember mine is only a newspaper decision. The people's elected representatives will decide at Albany.

RING TELEVISION CELEBRATES ITS 10th BIRTHDAY

Boon-Danahar Fight in London on February 23, 1939, Was First to Be Reproduced by Video, and Was Shown at Four Movie Theatres

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Arthur Danahar is taking a count in his fight with Eric Boon in London in 1939, which was the first ring contest to be telecast, anywhere.

ON the night of February 23, 1939, in Harringay Arena, London, England, Eric Boon retained the lightweight championship of England by knocking out Arthur Danahar in the fourteenth round.

In so far as ring history is concerned, that encounter is without special significance. In fact, it was a hard fight between a couple of very ordinary scrappers. They wouldn't figure over here today, even with our lightweight ranks somewhat decimated once you get past Ike Williams. In 1941, Boon lost in two heats on a foul to the superannuated Jackie Kid Berg, and soon faded out of the picture.

However, the Boon-Danahar fight, just ten years ago, holds a vital position because it was the first ring contest televised.

It is difficult to believe that video had been developed to so great an extent a decade ago. Over here, we are inclined to regard video as a product of the last three years.

The Boon-Danahar fight was not televised for English owners of television sets. There were few of them then. There are very few of them right now. England's austerity doesn't permit of ownership of such expensive gadgets by the rank and file, as is common in the United States.

The Boon triumph was telecast to motion theatre screens, the sort of thing we are coming to only now, in this country.

In the Harringay Arena, the prices ranged from $1.50 to $30. In the movie houses which showed the telecast, the attraction was shown for as little as 40 cents.

THE Harringay Arena was packed to the doors with 14,000 fans, so the overflow made a dash for the four cinema houses which offered the video picture of the fight.

The Marble Arch theatre had a screen measuring 200 square feet and so tremendous was the success of the video experiment that British-Gaumont, owner of the cinema, announced that it would equip all of its houses for such displays. It did not go through with this plan.

At the Monseigneur News movie, the fight fans tore down the doors and hundreds got in without payment. After the fight they formed in line and offered their admission fees, but the management declined the tender.

Eighty miles from London, in a little home at Chatteris, Boon's family sat in front of a television set and saw Eric, punch by punch, wear down his challenger and then knock him out.

John L. Baird, television pioneer, saw the video version in a cinema, and cried for joy. He had started something in sport, not only in London, but the world over.

Ten years ago, all this was, yet, nothing much has been done with the idea used in those London movie houses.

The reasons? They are complex, but not mystifying. Boxing and other professional sports promoters still view video charily, warily.

Television tried to jump right into the gravy. But it found that the promoters, the fighters, their managers, all had a pretty fair notion of what they owned, and were not willing to let video dash in for a small fee. They still know what they own, and they are going to keep right on knowing.

CONSIDERING that the Boon-Danahar telecast was made a whole decade ago, the failure of video to make better progress in the direction indicated in those four London cinemas that night is rather startling, even when you do appreciate that a terrible war made us forget about such trifles.

As television celebrates its tin wedding with the ring, we find that video is the storm petrel of the sports situation in this country.

Some of our promoters see in television the engine for a vast benefice to professional sports. They believe that it will whet the appetites of the fans and lure them in to see the real thing.

Others hold that video is just that, a lure, and that it is leading professional sports on to the rocks of disaster.

Television itself is conducting a campaign of high pressure salesmanship, which in some cases is accompanied by threats.

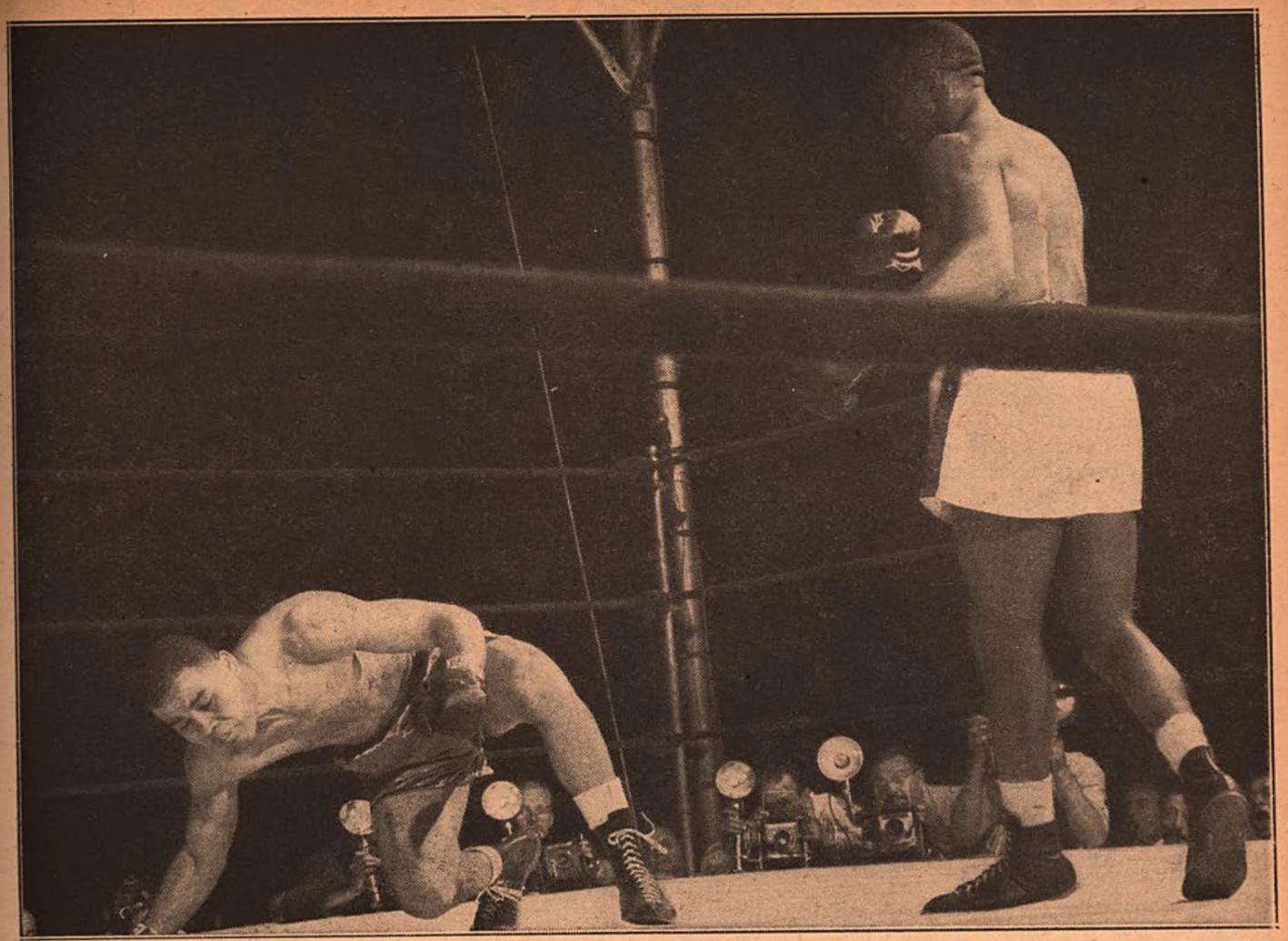
Says video, "Boxing, you come with us. We will make you independent of the fans. If you stick with television, you will be able to hold a world championship fight in an arena seating barely 5000 onlookers, at fancy prices, and collect a vast revenue from video sponsors and from theatres licensed to show the telecasts on their screens."

Boxing counters wisely, "Fine! Sounds very enticing! But you cannot have good fights without large crowds. And how do I know that you will stick with me when you have developed your programs to the point at which they will excel even those now furnished by radio. Already, we are told by an executive of the N. W. Ayer Company, that sports already have slipped from first to fourth in the video ratings."

Television says, "You go with us. If you know what is good for you. If you don't go with us, we will take over, and chase you out of your own field.

"We are the agents of a vast progress, and progress never brooks delay and defeat."

And so it stands. The 20th Century Sporting Club, which is in partnership with the Garden in New York, is inclined to permit television. But it has been forced to allow the boxers in on the gravy. The boxers get little enough now. But they are going to fight for a lot more just as soon as the sport stabilizes itself again.



Joe Louis down in the third round of his second fight with Jersey Joe Walcott, which marked crest of ring television in June 1948.

Smaller fight clubs feel the effects of television poignantly. They are being driven to the wall.

What will happen to the Doakes S.C. of Des Moines, putting on a show of standard local calibre, the night a heavyweight championship fight is being telecast from New York as far as Los Angeles?

Will the fight fans of Kansas City go for the kind of shows they have been fed if they get used to big stuff from New York via video?

Will the fans of San Francisco go for Coast League baseball if they can sit down for a couple of beers in Ye Video Taverne, and see Joe DiMaggio and the Yankees contest against Ted Williams and the Red Sox in the Yankee Stadium in New York, over the coast to coast coaxial cable?

It is a complex situation, which packs a lot of dynamite, and which nobody pretends to know in all its details.

Each sport has its own little problems, in so far as video is concerned. In baseball, for example, the major leagues are confronted with the protests of the mothers against night telecasts. They are against night ball radio, too, as they cannot get Junior and Sis to study, or to go to bed. And after they do get to bed, they are so tensed up, they cannot sleep.

NEWSPAPER, book and magazine publishers insist that television is turning Americans into a lot of cross-eyed video fans who have no time, or mood, for reading.

Motion picture magnates wail that video is ruining the cinema industry. Certainly box office sheets bear out their complaint.

Radio makes the fans curious. Television satisfies that curiosity, and will go on doing that with increasing efficiency, particularly once it has put in color television.

I maintain that you cannot permit millions of people to come into your fight arena, your ball park or football stadium, for nothing, as you do with video, and hold out any expectation of gaining financially by your generosity.

That's how things stand now, with the transcontinental coaxial cable already open from New York as far as St. Louis.

In the meantime, there is the memory of Harringay Arena, the Boon-Danahar fight, and the tenth anniversary of television in boxing. What will be the video story a decade hence?

JOE JEANNETTE

ONE of the great heavyweights of the Jack Johnson-Sam Langford era was Joe Jeannette, now living in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he is engaged in business, in addition to which he has a gymnasium where Jersey's best battlers train.

If Josephus had been able to lure Tommy Burns into a ring before Jack Johnson, the Galveston Giant would have had to meet another Ethiopian to get a shot at the title. Jeannette was very clever, and quite a puncher. The color line the white biffers sought refuge in proved a great barrier to his progress. Nor was Jack Johnson anxious to hook up with the mulatto from Hoboken, for there was bitter enmity between them, and Johnson seemed to fear Jeannette and Langford more than his white rivals.

JOE SHUGRUE

TOUGH luck robbed Joe Shugrue of Jersey City and Waterbury, Connecticut, of the lightweight title. After outpointing Champion Freddie Welsh and stopping Benny Leonard, the lacing of a glove struck Joe in one eye, and destroyed the sight.

Possessing more than average science, speed and a fairly hard wallop, Shugrue was one of the outstanding lightweights of all time.

THE SMITHS LEAD

Browns, Williams, Jacksons and Jones Close on Trail—Shoemakers, Archers, Barkers, Priests, Goldsmiths, Cutlers, Brewers, Threshers, Walkers, Sellers, Masons, Tanners, Weavers, Hunters, and Butchers Among Names Listed in 1949 RING RECORD BOOK—Greatest Ever

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE 1949 annual RING RECORD BOOK is off the presses and, like the youngest member of any family, this one has learned through the errors and shortcomings of its seven older brothers and is presented as the best of its kind.

One hundred pages thicker than the 1948 volume—800 all told—with a year of constant ferreting out of errors, of correcting and adding, it is presented as a prize package with the inclusion of more than 80 photographs of titleholders and outstanding fighters of today plus the complete records of all 242 world champions since the days of Jim Figg. Can you beat that? Has ever such a stupendous task been completed?

There are an estimated 300,000 lines of type in the book, and the names of some 20,000 fighters mentioned between its covers. In reality, five books are presented as one. The directory of fight managers, world's leading promoters and matchmakers, consists of lists of upwards of 700 names, and includes addresses and telephone numbers. The front section deals with outstanding and unusual records, some data never before presented to the public. Then you have the three sections of records: Champions, active Americans and active British Empire and Continental. The championship section alone contains 150 pages.

THE index, covering the names of 3,375 fighters whose records are included, is a work in itself. Presented in three sections, there are 2,593 American, 536 foreign and 242 champions listed. Thumbing through the triple index, you find all sorts of oddities. For example, as the late and well-remembered Governor of New York State once said—naturally in anticipation of just this book—"Let's look at the record."

Well, the name "Smith" is the one most often found, no less than 36 times, and heading the list of individual full names with four is that of "Al Smith." There are 35 Browns, 33 Williamses and 31 Joneses. If you want to go further, there are 19 Davises and 18 Wilsons and Jacksons.

But that's only the beginning. Names of fighters that are also occupations are the most numerous. There is a Shoemaker, an Archer, a Barker, a Cleaver, a Cook, a Baker, a Cooper, a Mason, a Hooper, a Hooker and a Draper. There are Walkers and Sellers; Millers and Turners. Then there is a Goldsmith, a Cutler, a Brewer, a Thresher, a Tanner, a Weaver, a Trader, a Hunter, a Butler and a Butcher. We present records to supply all your needs.

In the way of travel through fighters' names, you can go up the Hudson to Yonkers, or out to Kansas, Michigan, Montana or Washington. Or if you want to cover a lot of Miles, and we have plenty of those, there is Paris, the Riviera, the Hague, Shrewsbury, Konigsberg and Trinidad. Too bad London retired. You can go by Carr, Ferry or Barge.

WE don't list all the colors of the rainbow, but we do include White, Gray, Black, Brown, Green, Blue and Buff. Metals, there are Steele, Silver and some Irons. Seasons of the year, we have Spring and Summer, and though there is no winter, there is Frost and a Snow Flake.

The fighters of the eight divisions are all sizes: Some Small, some Stout, some Long, and one Giant. Outstanding promoters include Strauss, Solomons, Taylor and Jacobs.

We have questions and answer them ourselves, of course without the punctuation: "Why Bobby? Whynott Roger? Ask Elis."

Out in the country you'll find Fields and a man who can Plowright. And there is a Gully, a Marsh, Brooks, Bridges, Waters to Wade in, and even a Squall; a Rock and Sands and plenty of Woods and Wells. There is a Hill and though there are no mountains, we list Peaks. There is a Lake and even a Breeze.

You'll find a Towne and naturally Gossip. There is a House with Chambers and Halls and Walls. A good place to Dance and be Jolly. For Beveridge, you can have Coffey or a Tom Collins. For the Young there is Chocolate.

WE can present you to nobility, a King with a Mace; a Queen, a Prince and a Duke. Or, if you'd rather, you can meet a Marshall or a Squire or just a Guy with Junior, a Chip off the old block.

There is a Priest and an Alter; a Cantor, and you'll find Parsons and a Bishop and even Sinn for which we can only offer Morales.

Out in the Parks you can find a Roundtree and a Youngtree, a Cedar and a Hazelgrove. Some of it is Blackwood but there is a Branch and a Root. There are Flowers and Ferns. You find a Berry, a Figg and some Beans; an Almond, an Orange, Rice and even a Rose. There is a Swan, a Crane and a Drake. Birds include a Starling, a Dove, a Nightingale, a Finch, a Martin, a Woodcock, an Eagle and a Goodbee. You'll find a Hawk whether you read Spanish or not. If you're a Fisher you'll find Bass and a Hake.

WE list all kinds of animals. A Horse and a Paddock; or a Bronco if you like them a little more Wilde. We have a Fox, a Wolfe, a Weasel, a Huskey, a Buffalo and a Hogg. As there are Floods they would have to go on the Anlezark as we list no Noah.

Or if you Dare go on a Hunt you can use a Cannon or a Gunn, though we give you only Blanks. Or you might want to use an Arrow or Darts.

There are some that call themselves Welsh and some that are English. One says he's a Britton and one insists he's Albritton. There is a Roman and a Portuguese.

If you haven't read Reynolds' version, we can even Tell you for whom the Bell Toles. Oddly, we list no losses but there is a Winn. There is a Jury but no Judge. You'll find Brothers and a Bond between them. There is a Diamond but it has a Price. There's a Durham and that's no bull. The index lists only one Page but we promise you there are almost 800.

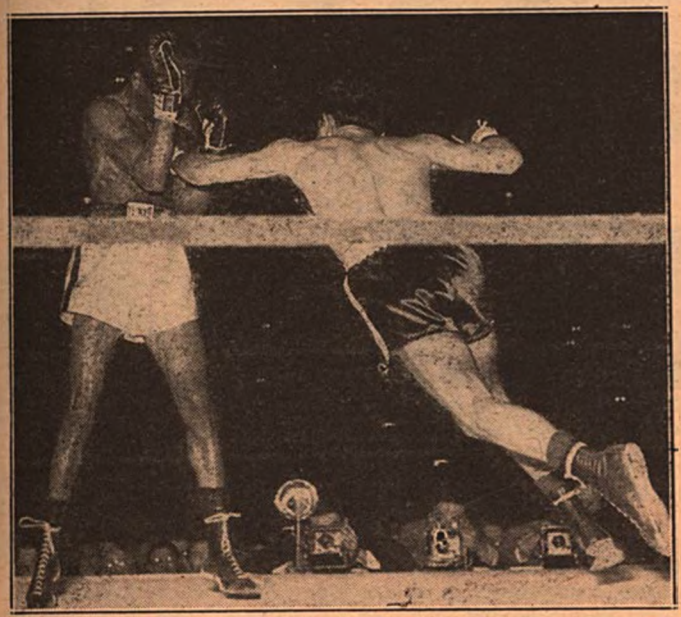
Now that we've finished we hope no one will Waite to Snapp up the Best book Early and that it won't go Unsold. It will be a Treasure for fans and a Boon to writers. You can go on and on, but my Underwood won't take any Moore, and if I keep up this dribble I'll get the Zack.

THERE you have a resume of Nat Fleischer's 1949 RING RECORD BOOK, the greatest, most elaborate, most complete ever published.

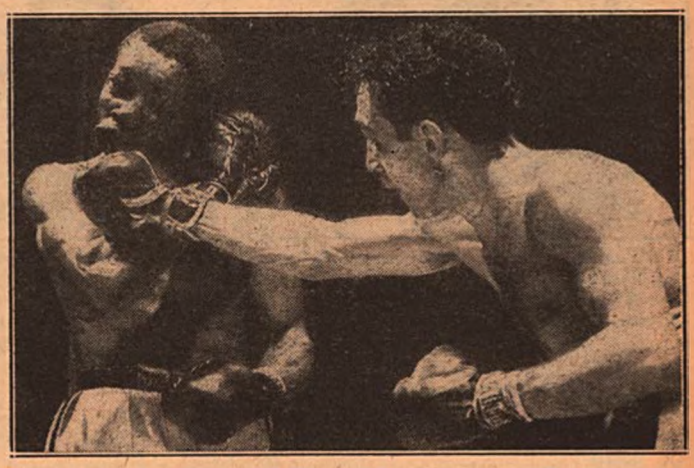
This year's RECORD BOOK has far more names than last year's, despite the fact that in this country alone there were about 2000 less fighters taking part in ring bouts than in 1947. The reason? The added listing of the world title holders from the beginning of pugilism, which makes it the outstanding record book of all time.

WHEN A TITLE CHANGED HANDS

Tired, his face badly cut, blood streaming from wounds under his eyes, Willie Pep sits in dressing room after regaining the feather-weight crown from Sandy Saddler, while Dr. Vincent Nardiello examines the wounds. Eleven stitches were necessary to stop the flow of claret but Willie didn't mind that. He had turned a trick never before recorded in his division, that of recovering a title. When Joey Archibald regained his title he was not recognized as champion by the N.B.A.

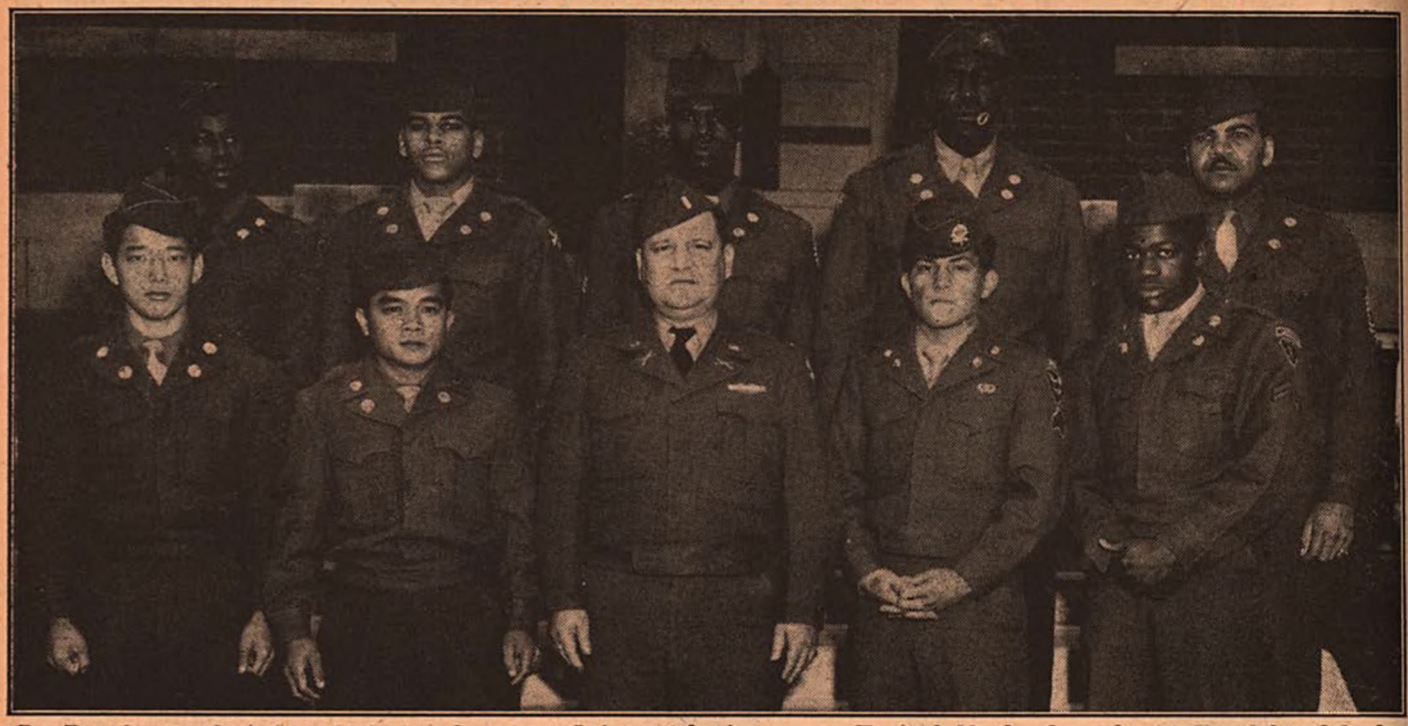


Like a leaping hyena, Willie strikes home with force. His left passes between the guarding gloves of the defending champion to crash against the mouth. The blow stunned Sandy. Saddler in this round, the second, had landed a good left to Pep's eye and as he stepped in for another shot, Willie jumped into the air and let go his effective left.

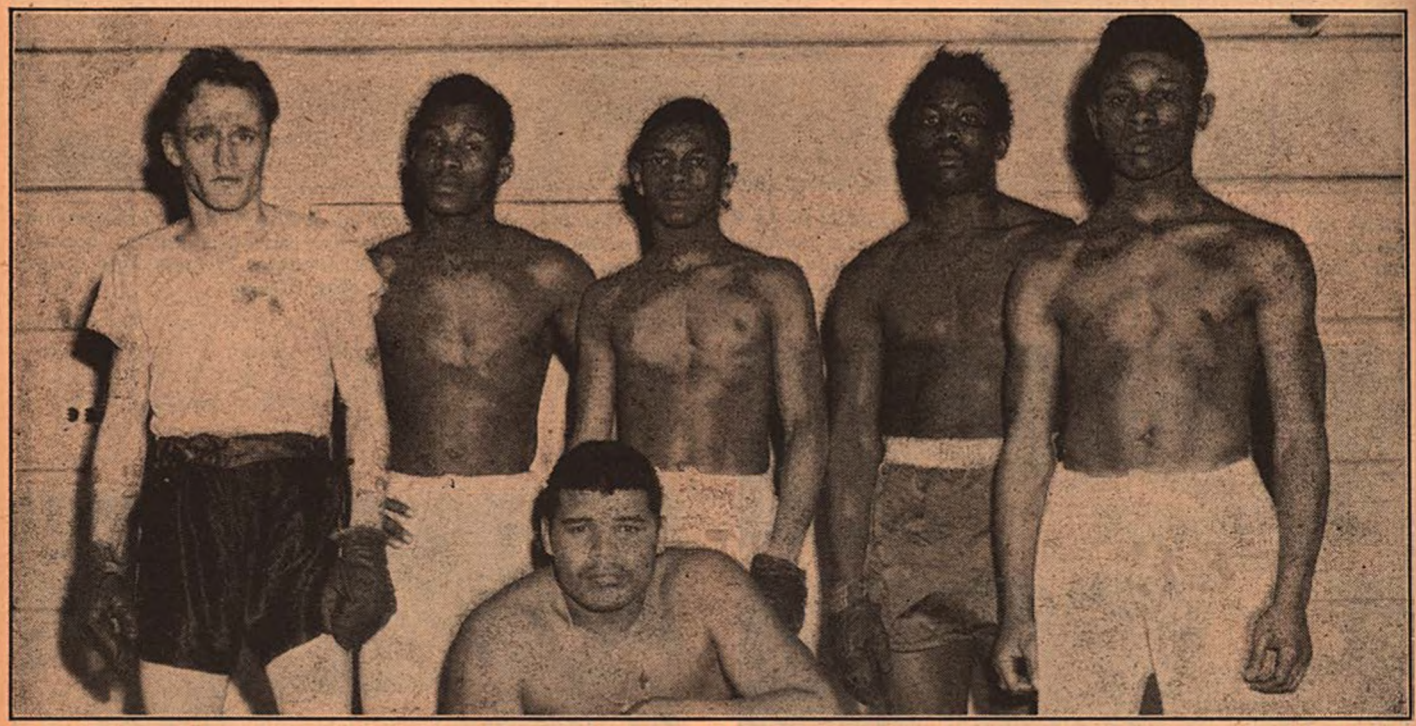


Pep did the unexpected. He put up his greatest performance. He was clever, shifty, had his jabs down to perfection and struck with force. When it came to roughhouse play, he seemed to have everything at his fingers' tips. In the above we see him landing flush on the jaw of Saddler as he penetrates Sandy's guard. It was one of the classiest shots of the bout.

IN ALL-ARMY TITLE TOURNEY



Far East Command of Army 1949 ring champions—Left to right front row: Hanford Maeda, flyweight, of Honolulu; Salvador Ero, bantamweight, Philippine Islands; First Lieut. Frank Bova, of Monongahela, Pa., Far Eastern Command boxing coach; Sledenio Guerrero, featherweight, Houston, Tex.; Robert Bolden, lightweight, Baltimore, Md.; Back row, left to right: Willie Ellis, welterweight, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; George Harrison, middleweight, Washington, D. C.; Sheridan Fagans, light-heavyweight, Greensboro, N. C., and Howard Williams, San Francisco, Calif., heavyweight.



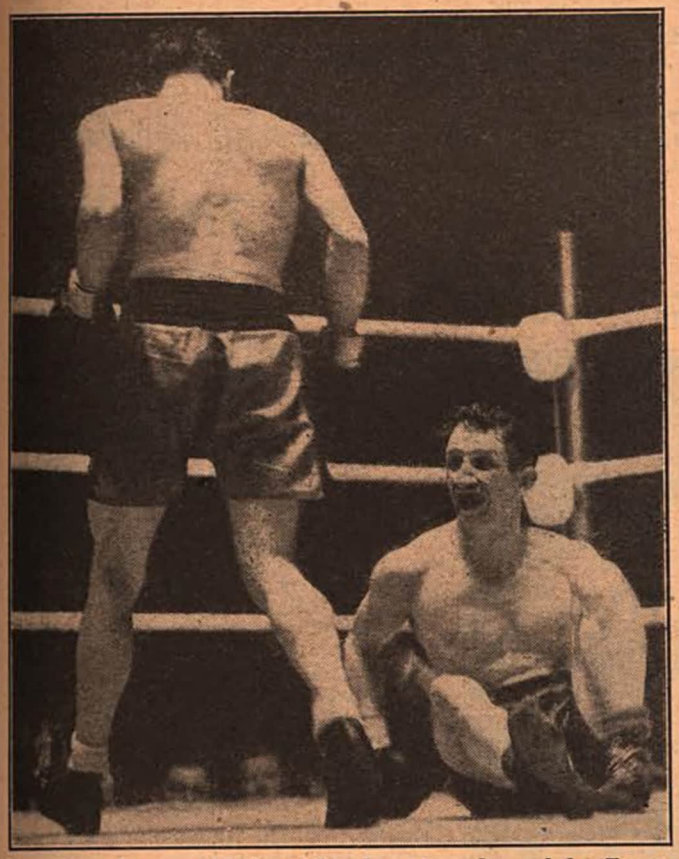
Here is the nucleus of the team of boxers which represented the Military District of Washington in the All-Army World-Wide Boxing Tournament at Fort Myer, Va.—Left to right: Eddie Brazerol, Fort Myer, featherweight; Andy Nathan, Fort Myer, welterweight; Joe Thompson, Fort Myer, bantamweight; Robert Graves, Fort Belvoir (kneeling), heavyweight; John Pratt, Fort Belvoir, middleweight; James Clark, Fort Belvoir, lightweight. Eliot Powers, Fort Belvoir, light-heavyweight champ, and Donald Kuhn, Fort Belvoir, flyweight, were unable to be present.

FOR the first time in the history of the United States Army, an All-Army World Wide tournament to decide the boxing champions in the various divisions got under way at Fort Myer, Va., with every army post throughout the world represented. They came from Alaska, Guam, Hawaii and from Europe and all those from far off sectors were flown in army planes to the scene of battle. The Far Eastern unit was the first to reach the country to get its men in condition for the eight days of activities. The group had among its talent some of the best boxers developed for the tourney.

The boys who competed, had to work their way to the front in the same manner as do the lads who compete in the Golden Gloves tournaments in this country. Each camp had its own championship boxing and then the winners were pitted against the winners of other areas to decide the finalists for the final world affair. So successful was the Fort Myer tourney that those in charge of the physical education and recreation departments of the army have decided to stage it annually.

Col. John T. Cole was general tournament chairman. He did a splendid job. The calibre of the contestants was above par.

IN THE NEWS OF THE MONTH

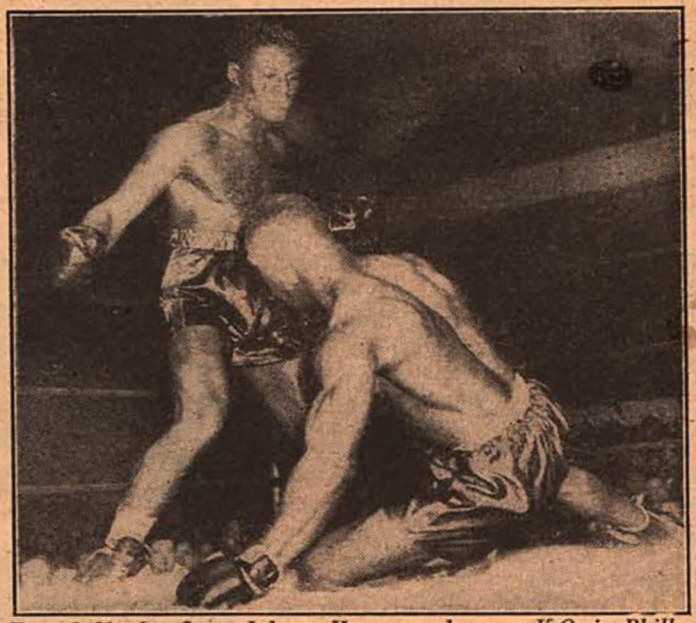


Rinty Monaghan, world flyweight champion, downed by Terry Allen in a ten round non-title fight at Islington, London, which Terry won.

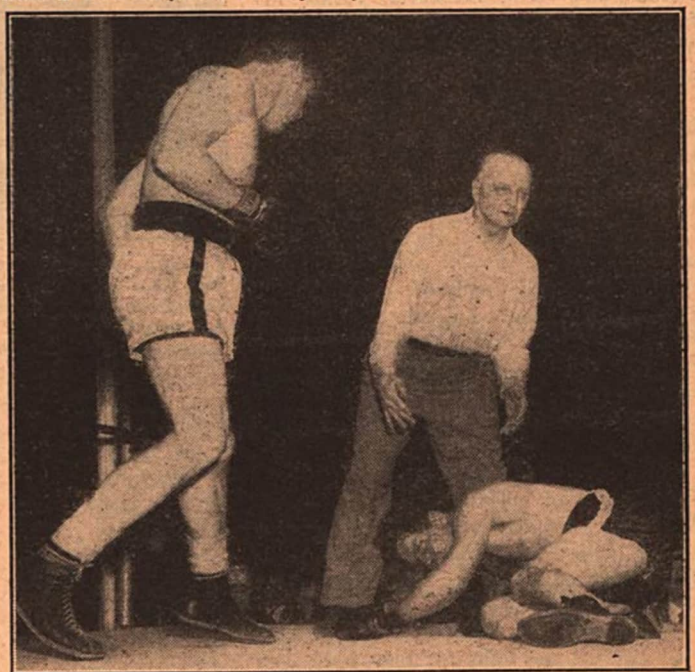
Henry Hall, British welterweight champ, lands with a right to the jaw of Tony Janiro, of U.S., in a ten round mill at Harringay Arena, London, which Hall won.

Don Lee lies on the canvas after being dropped repeatedly by Walter Cartier in their ten round bout at the Manhattan Center, N. Y. Referee Jack Appel halted the contest in the eighth.

Billy Graham, of U.S., loses ten rounder to Eddie Thomas, Welsh welterweight champ, at Harringay Arena, London.



Ezzard Charles floors Johnny Haynes and scores K.O. in Philly.



Nat FLEISCHER says:

Pep Greater Than Ever in Regaining Title

Gives Fine Exhibition Against Saddler

Gavilan Is in Line for Welter Title Bout

GIVE the fight fans a contest that is likely to furnish the thrills that attract, and neither television nor the current tightness of the money market will keep them away from the Garden. This was amply proved in the recent Kid Gavilan-Ike Williams return engagement in which 15,125 persons, many of them Latin-Americans, paid $57,195, for the privilege of being on hand. As we have repeatedly pointed out, there is nothing wrong with boxing that cannot be cured by a good attraction between well-matched boys and a price of admission within reach of the average fans.

By defeating Ike Williams and breaking his winning streak of twenty, Gavilan stepped one notch closer to a fight for the world welterweight crown held by the elusive Ray Robinson. Perhaps now that Ray is ready to resume boxing and the various bodies controlling the sport are prepared to force the issue, Robinson will give this worthy Cuban, one of the many RING discoveries, an opportunity to compete in a championship battle. Gavilan won the decision over Ike by a two to one vote of the officials, Referee Ruby Goldstein, America's finest referee, calling it a draw, and the judges, Harold Barnes and Artie Schwartz, voting in favor of the Cuban. My tally showed Williams in the lead, five rounds to four and one even.

Though there was very little to choose between the combatants, so close was the score, I agree with Williams that the huge turnout of Cubans among other Latin-Americans who rooted every time Gavilan made a swing whether it landed or not, had considerable bearing on the decision and the attitude of the big gathering. Taking no credit away from Gavilan for his excellent performance, the fact remains that many of his punches never landed. Ike drove home the cleaner blows, was the aggressor most of the time. He blocked and picked off what must have looked like haymakers to the galleryites.

They cheered to the echo the Kid's every movement. Gavilan fought in wild, unexpected spurts during which he rushed into Williams swinging and tossing bolo punches some of which struck home with force while most of them were smothered by Ike's arms or elbows or went over his head as the lightweight king cleverly ducked or side-stepped. But Ike never received credit from the galleryites for that. They apparently didn't see that part of the fight for one could hear a pin drop when Ike scored but the roof came down every time "The Kid" went into action, miss, hit or whatnot.

One had to be close to the ring and to have Williams face him to see how artistically Williams kept picking off punches with his gloves with the accuracy of the master in that line, Jack Johnson. He blocked them with his forearms, caught many with his gloves, stopped them with elbows and shoulders and often just rode away out of reach so that out of two dozen tosses, probably five landed. In the final round, for example, the session that decided the issue with fans and officials alike, Gavilan tore into his opponent like a wild man and threw dozens of punches, but few struck home. The action is what caught most of the crowd and many of the scribes who didn't see the many misses, but that whirlwind "attack" gave "The Kid" the fight.

Yet I found no fault with the verdict so close was the battle. The crowd had a good time. The spectators both in the House that Tex Built and those who viewed the fight by television, enjoyed the show and so did I. A repeater will fill the Garden and prove that video can't hurt if the proper attractions are staged and the price of admission is right.

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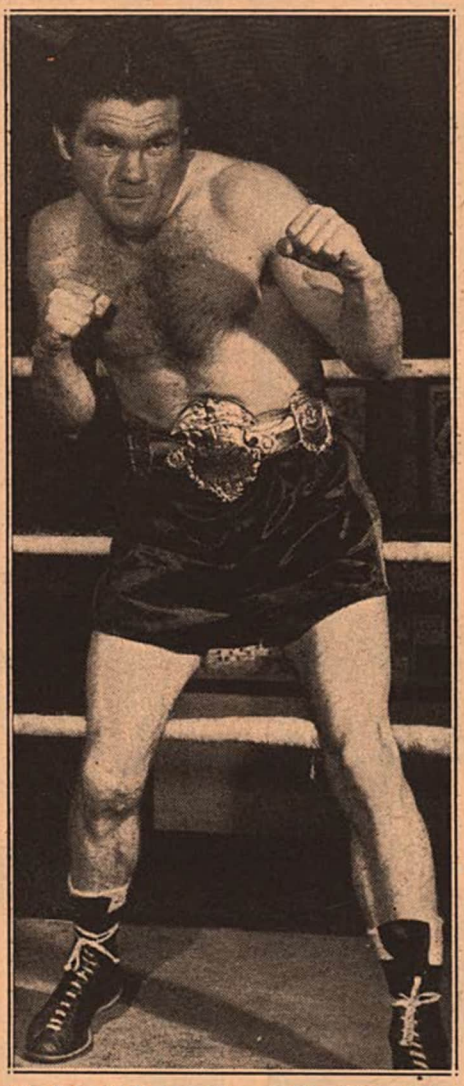
THE most pleasing part of the thrilling battle was the fact that the crowd was thrilled and that the receipts set a record for the year in the Garden and that once again the public became aware that boxing is on the upgrade and may soon return to normal. If Harry Markson, the energetic, quiet-spoken executive of the Mike Jacobs' organization can continue to get his promotion department to dish out the kind of ring battles we have seen during the first month of the New Year, General Kilpatrick, Ned Irish, Mike Jacobs and the Garden's Board of Directors won't have to do much worrying about deficits at the end of the year. Markson is giving the fans what they want.

The trend is upward, make no mistake about that and all because of the new faces who are putting new life into the sport and the calibre of the fighting placed on exhibition by the vets upon whom boxing must primarily depend to place the house in order. Boxing is getting its much needed shot in the arm.

When we place before our readers the fight of the year for 1949 the Kid Gavilan-Ike Williams second encounter will have to come in for considerable consideration. Not many matches we have seen in the past few years equalled for sustained interest and quick action, this return engagement. It was almost as close



Freddie Mills posing wearing THE RING *belt sent to him after winning the world light-heavyweight championship from Gus Lesnevich. Gus and Freddie may meet again after Mills fights Woodcock for the British heavyweight title.*

as their initial battle, but on a whole, carried more action and greater thrills. Thrice the referee had to part them after the gong had ended the round.

Kid Gavilan should be awarded a fight with Robinson with the welter title at stake. He has earned it. The boy whom I had first seen as an amateur in Havana several years ago and whom I urged to go to New York where his talent would get him big purses, has made good. Just another feather in the cap of this publication's staff who have tabbed many prospects long before they were able to get an opportunity to show their wares in the big time circuit.

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THE greatest exhibition Willie Pep has ever put forth as champion or as contender for featherweight honors, was that on display before a full house in Madison Square Garden when he regained his world crown by taking the decision from Sandy Saddler, his conqueror in their previous battle, in 15 rounds. Pep not only set a record for his division, he being the only boy in his class who rewon the title once lost, but also treated the 19,097 fans who paid $87,563 to an upset that matched the one in which Saddler relieved him of the crown. The gate was the largest for a title fight among featherweights ever recorded, the Pep-Chalky Wright fight in which Willie gained the crown originally, being the highest previously. When Joey Archibald regained the feather laurels, he was not universally recognized, hence Pep's new mark.

To triumph over Saddler in their latest encounter, Pep had to be greater than ever. He had to force the attack and prevent Sandy from battering away at close range. He had to be at his best as a clever boxer and to stand his opponent off with jabs that jarred the defending champ. He did all these so well that though he looked like one who had been through a threshing mill when the final gong sounded, he had scored sufficient points to gain the unanimous verdict. Referee Eddie Joseph and Judges Frank Forbes and Jack O'Sullivan each gave the Hartford boy the bout by a big margin. My score showed 9 to 5 and 1 even for the victor.

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PEP electrified the gathering by his clever work in the very opening round in which I scored thirty-seven straight lefts that had crashed against Saddler's face. He did the same in the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth rounds in which, after he had been jarred by Sandy, he pelted his rival with every blow imaginable and added to that attack, considerable roughness, that had Saddler baffled.

But the greatest thrill he gave the throng that packed every seat—the first time this has been recorded since 1946—came in the fifteenth round, a session that will never be forgotten. Battered all over the ring in the fourteenth and on the verge of a knockout, Pep came back with a furious pace after weathering the jarring blows of Sandy. Willie fought his former conqueror all over the ring to gain the fifteenth session by a slight margin. It was a wonderful finish by a man who it appeared could scarcely stand the strain long enough to finish on his feet after the shellacking he took in the previous frame.

That's what makes great champions and that's why Pep is one of the greatest of all time in his division. Few before that fight thought that Pep, who had been knocked out last October for the first time in his long career, could come back from that harrowing experience. But he did and in a manner that gained for him the applause of thousands.

His blinding speed in the early rounds is what really turned the tables. He proved in those sessions that Sandy was up against a better fighter than had faced him last October and by side-stepping, ducking, dancing about the ring and tossing innumerable left jabs and hooks in rapid succession, he prevented the hard-hitting Sandy from connecting with the punch soporific.

It was a great fight between two great kids and no matter who was returned the victor, these boys should they meet again as I hope they will in a rubber contest, will again play to a full house. The crowd loves a real fight and Saddler and Pep gave them that.

The fans will come out in droves when there is a feeling of

Saddler finishes Young Finnegan in the fifth round in a bout at Panama. Referee did not bother to count on this last knockdown.

expectancy, a feeling that something big will break during the fight and that's why 19,097 paid such a big sum to see the return mill. It all proves that even with television as an inducement to stay home, the fistic enthusiasts will go to a fight if they can expect fireworks between well matched lads. Even with his loss of the title after so short a hold on it, Sandy will continue to be a popular card because one can always expect action from him.

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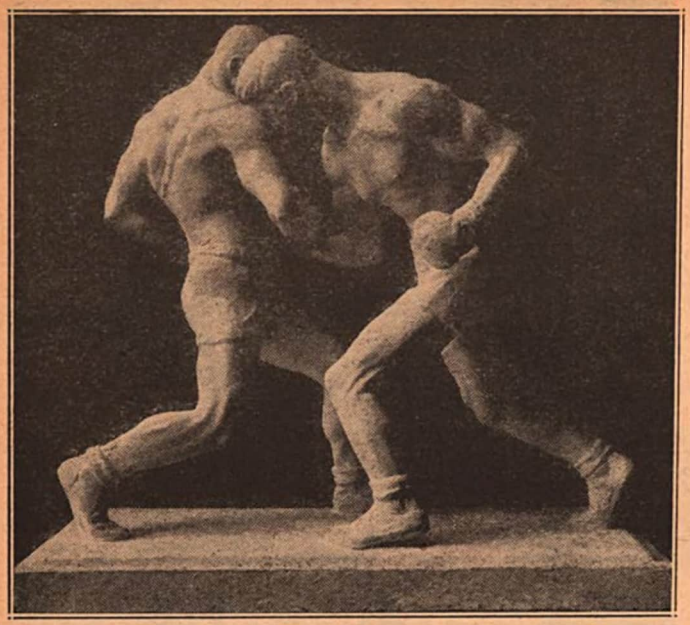
THREE times in the fifteen rounds it seemed that the pace had begun to take its toll on Pep, and that Saddler would emerge with a kayo, but each time Pep was equal to the emergency and came through. The first came in the ninth round when Sandy nailed Willie with a beautiful, vicious right cross and followed quickly with a right and left to the jaw. The blows not only jarred Willie but had him bleary-eyed.

Again in the tenth it appeared that Pep had reached the end of his trail. He tired perceptibly and Saddler kept popping away as often as he could within reach, much to the discomfiture of Willie. He nailed Pep with a left and a savage right and Willie's knees shook. Then Saddler smashed into the challenger and lefts and rights peppered Pep's body. Willie had to clutch his man to save himself from being downed. When separated, Willie fought back in flurries but was able to keep Saddler from scoring any more.

In the fourteenth, came another round, a big one for Sandy but his brainwork was not equal to that of his challenger who manoeuvered himself out of danger to save the day and to ultimately regain the crown. In his case it may correctly be stated that brain triumphed over brawn. If Saddler's thinking powers were equal to Pep's, he could have repeated his October victory. Cunning, ring trickery, a cool brain, well directed, effective shots, fleetness of foot and sharp eyes despite his facial injuries, and considerable rough fighting turned the trick for the Man Who Came Back. He tried to buffalo Saddler and he succeeded. He bulldozed Sandy in a manner that has not been done to a champion in many years and only a very brainy battler could accomplish that.

By his victory, Willie Pep has earned another world cham-



"Body Blow," a beautiful work of art sculptured by Ethel P. Hood, a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society. This is one of several magnificent figures in Miss Hood's latest collection. For the above, she spent many days in Stillman's Gymnasium to watch the movements of the boxers in training and finally selected Bobby James, and his sparring mate to pose for her. It took her from December 1947 to May of last year to complete "Body Blow," one of the most perfect action figures ever sculptured. It is 23 inches high and rests on a base 25 inches by 12½ inches.

Miss Hood lives in New York City. She competed several years ago for the American Olympic swimming team, representing the Southern Pacific A.A.W. At the time she was one of America's best swimmers.

pionship belt from THE RING. A beautiful trophy, different in design from the one he previously was awarded, will be made up and given to him when he returns from a short trip to Havana in April. Sandy Saddler will get his belt from THE RING at a special luncheon of the Boxing Writers' Association at which he will be my guest of honor.

With this championship fight concluded, I shall fly to Central America where I will watch Joe Louis in three of his exhibition bouts and make a study of the boxing conditions in Cuba, Santo Domingo and possibly Trinidad. So big have been the recent gates in those countries that I feel it worth a special visit.

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RAY ROBINSON took a big chance when he tackled Gene Buffalo in Wilkes-Barre in what was scheduled as "an over-the-weight match." For the first time in many years, a champion had one put over on him in a fight of this type. What originally was billed as a non-title contest beyond the class weight limit, became an "unofficial title bout" when Buffalo came in scaling only 145½ pounds while Ray tipped the beam at 151.

Normally under such conditions the champion forces his opponent to drink several quarts of water to add to the weight, but Ray had ignored the procedure. Buffalo was well within the welter limit, hence could legally lay claim to the crown if he had won the decision, or scored a kayo or Robinson had lost through disqualification or injury. A case similar to this has not been recorded in boxing for many years.

Fortunately, Sugar Ray, rather than make the bout a tune-up affair as he had intended, set to work to end it as quickly as possible to protect his crown and he turned the trick in 2:55 of the opening round. Perhaps in the future, George Gainsford, handling Robbie's affairs, will be more careful and see that Ray's opponent gets on the scales first and meets the requirements of the contract. It would have been a sorry plight for Robinson had he been flattened and lost his title as he undoubtedly would have under the rules, after having turned a deaf ear to the Kid Gavilan plea for a title bout in which Ray could get for his end at least $30,000.

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DURING the first month of 1949 boxing has staged a comeback in practically every American city where the sport is run. In communications from 63 of my correspondents, including the secretaries of most boxing commissions, I have learned that there have been increases in attendance and gates over those of the preceding three months when the game was suffering from one of its worst slumps. There was not a single exception and many clubs which were closed down have now reopened.

What is the cause of this sudden and encouraging upsurge? The chief reasons are that new talent has begun to come up, that promoters have finally buckled down seriously to the job of making the best matches available in order to attract the fans and they have also come to the realization that the public hasn't the money they had during the lush war years and have scaled their prices down accordingly.

Three shows in Madison Square Garden during January have averaged $46,000 whereas during the preceding three months Garden gates averaged less than $25,000. And for February the Pep-Saddler fight was a sell-out house with a gross gate of $85,000, the biggest ever for a featherweight scrap.

The Tournament of Champions directors, operating in New York, have seen their first three shows gradually on the upswing as far as attendance and receipts are concerned which all augurs well for the game.

These figures on boxing in New York are the pulse for determining conditions in the rest of the game and the summer season should see boxing in a much better position throughout the country.

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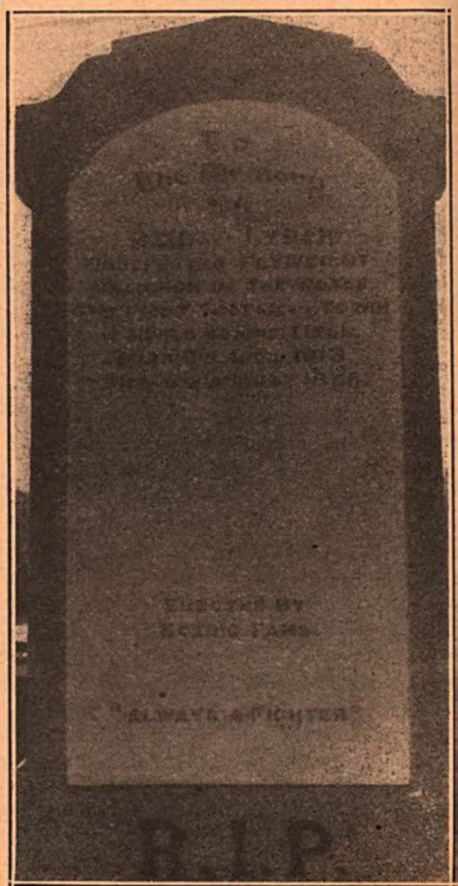
TWO new clubs have opened in upper New York State. In Kansas City, Max Yeargain, operating boxing, informs us that his club has had bigger gatherings than at any time in the past five years. Throughout the country, Joe Louis, giving exhibitions, has played to capacity houses. In London, Jack Solomons, with two Americans on his card, Tony Janiro and Billy Graham, had a full house at Harringay Arena.

Boxing is picking up in every part of the world. Even in Santo Domingo they drew a few weeks ago close to $36,000. Boxing is rapidly getting out of the red.

Joe Louis in three months of exhibitions has grossed $460,000 of which his share was $162,000. In part of November and December his exhibitions drew $300,000. Then in January he added another $162,000. He says that if he were to accept the offers with which he has been flooded, he could make far more money in exhibitions than he can by defending



Monument erected by popular subscription to Benny Lynch, first Scot to win a world crown.

his crown against one of the present crop of heavies. Here is what Joe grossed since his first appearance this year:

Omaha, $12,000; Topeka, $8000; Wichita, $11,000; Toledo, $10,000; Moline, $15,000; Rochester, Minn., $14,000; Miami, $35,000; Pal Beach, $8000; Tampa, $11,000; Orlando, $9000; Jacksonville, $15,000; Daytona, $7000; Savannah, $5000.

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THE Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, an organization which for many years has sponsored medals of honors to America's outstanding sportsmen and this year has sponsored a Hall of Fame of Sports, opened its new hall with a banquet at which every celebrated fighter within reach was present. One section of the building, devoted wholly to boxing, is called the Helms Hall of Boxing and in this are to be found relics pertaining to the sport and presented to posterity by those who possessed them. James J. Jeffries turned over to Helms' Hall an open scrapbook which contains headlines of papers from all over the country describing his victory over Bob Fitzsimmons in 1899.

To Everett L. Sanders, former California State Athletic Commissioner, representing the West and to Nat Fleischer, Editor of this publication, representing the East, were given the task of naming the first ten men boxers for the Hall of Fame. Those selected were James J. Corbett, Jack Dempsey, Bob Fitzsimmons, James J. Jeffries, Benny Leonard, Joe Louis, Willie Ritchie, Tommy Ryan, John L. Sullivan and Gene Tunney.

Others listed but not elected were Henry Armstrong, Joe Gans, Barney Ross, Jimmy McLarnin, Tommy Loughran, Freddie Welsh, Jem Driscoll, Sam Langford, George Dixon, Joe Walcott, Jack Johnson, Jimmy Wilde, Terry McGovern, Tony Canzoneri, Jack Delaney, Jimmy Barry and Battling Nelson. The committee in charge has decided to keep these names and have a vote on them at a subsequent election.

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THE recent increase in deaths and injuries in boxing has finally brought action in several states where insurance of some kind is being urged for the protection of the family of those who are killed in the ring or are so badly hurt that they no longer can support themselves. In Pennsylvania, the promoters are forced by law to take out insurance for each show with all those who participate, receiving protection for that one night. In California a percentage from each manager's purse is taken for a fund which offers aid to the needy.

Now in New York, Col. Eddie Eagan, Chairman of the Commission, has had a bill introduced in the Assembly which would place all fighters under the State Compensation Law which automatically would make each fight promoter an employer and the boxers, employees. Under this bill, the promoters would have to pay regular fees to the state for the protection of the boxers the same as is now done by all business firms.

For several years attempts have been made to classify fighters as employees of the club to which they are contracted, but the State Attorney General ruled that they are not employees. Now if the bill is passed, they will come under such a designation. Every state should pass a bill placing boxers under the compensation law. There can be no doubt that they are employed for the evening on which they appear for a match.

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WHILE those who like to take it out on boxing every time a pro battler is injured, continue to rap the sport, it seems strange that these same writers fail to take cognizance of the many injuries suffered by the boys who appear in Golden Gloves tournaments. A few weeks ago, in a Golden Gloves meet at Moberly, Missouri, Charles Byas, 20 year old Lincoln University student, died following his fight with William Holmes of Kirksville, State Teachers' College. Nine boys have been injured in such fights since late in December, yet scarcely more than a few lines have publicized the accidents.

But if one pro is badly hurt or killed, those who are instrumental in staging Golden Gloves for their paper, come out with a blast against boxing that can be heard around the world. Most of the Golden Glovers are unfit to compete even as amateur boxers. It is only in the larger cities, where pro trainers take a hand in the development of the lads, that we find well-trained boys who know something about ring science.

In most cases, even in Madison Square Garden's Golden Gloves finals, the majority of the fighters are crude. All they seem to know is to toss a punch. They lack cleverness. Their science of boxing is almost nil.

When the Golden Gloves tourneys first got under way, many competitors were almost as good as their pro brethren and a number gained the top rung of the fistic ladder a few years after joining the professionals. Unfortunately, now the tourneys seem to have turned into quantity instead of quality. Those in control seek huge numbers of competitors instead of weeding out the unfit and developing those who remain to compete for the finals.

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FROM a city that didn't have a boxing show for several years in the mid 1940's, the game having suffered a severe depression, Cincinnati has blossomed into one of the boxing centers in the United States. The man responsible for the tremendous upsurge is Samuel Becker, wealthy clothing manufacturer who promotes as a hobby. Becker is no Johnny-Come-Lately to the sport. He saw his first major fight in 1907 when Joe Gans fought Battling Nelson and he has been a keen fight fan ever since. His friends say the only difference between Becker and Mike Jacobs, head of the 20th Century Sporting Club, is that Jacobs has exclusive rights to Madison Square Garden in addition to the two New York ball parks and has a million fans from whom to draw patronage while Becker promotes in a city of less than 600,000.

The Cincinnatian is 61 years old and comes by his love for the game naturally, as he won the amateur middleweight boxing championship of the Queen City when he was only 17. They said that Becker had more than his share of ring ability and for a time toyed with the idea of turning professional but gave it up as the purses were not so large those days.

Becker has two hobbies—his clothing business and the fight game. One reason that he has been so successful as a promoter is that he does not have to depend upon boxing for a livelihood. He can weigh his bouts carefully before deciding on a match. Once he closes for a fight, ways and means to put the scrap over hold most of his waking hours.

Cincinnati now has one of the finest indoor arenas in the country in Cincinnati Garden, Inc., which is to be operated by Becker. It was built at a cost of $3,000,000 and seats 15,000 persons. The inaugural show was staged on February 28 featuring Ezzard Charles and Joey Maxim, Jack Kearns' White Hope, in a bout of 15 rounds.

Benny Becker, younger brother of Sam, is the latter's partner in boxing promotion. Benny is a former fighter himself. His name commanded respect in the lightweight ranks 25 years ago.

They form a perfect team; Benny attends to the details and is the balance wheel that keeps Sam from giving away the clothing business.

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E. M. BARBER, Scottish correspondent of the *Weekly Sporting Review*, who was present at the unveiling of the monument recently erected to the memory of Benny Lynch, Scotland's greatest little fighter, sent the following to THE RING:

"Fight fans and sports writers all over Great Britain subscribed towards the tombstone, recently erected to Benny Lynch, still the number one hero wherever boxing is discussed on Scottish soil. Those who saw him when at the height of his career will never forget the unsurpassed brilliance of his boxing, and his nimble footwork. As a fighter in the ring, there was none to equal him in Great Britain. Never once did he earn a referee's disfavor, his one disqualification being due to the untimely action of one of his seconds.

"But out of the ring, Benny was his own greatest enemy. Lack of training was his downfall. Failing to make the weight when due to defend his world title against Jackie Jurich, Lynch was deprived of his crown.

"Born on April 2, 1913, Lynch began boxing in 1931 and soon ran up a convincing record. He won *(Continued on page 43)*

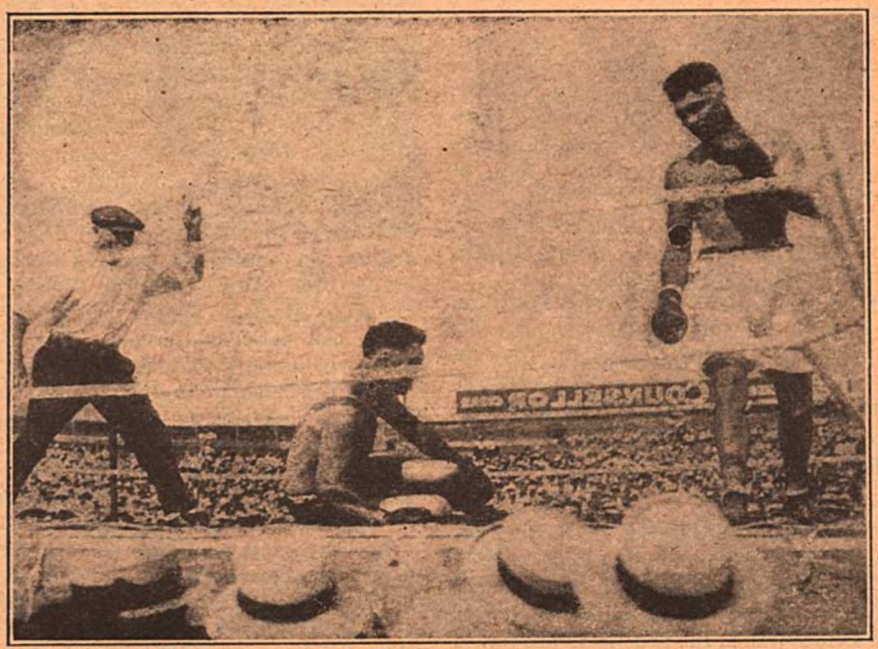
DEMPSEY-LOUIS "FIGHT" BECOMES VIBRANT AGAIN

Thirty Years After Jack's Three-Round Victory Over Jess Willard, Question of His Rating Against Joe Once More Intrigues Followers of Boxing World Over

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

THIRTY years ago—on July 4, 1919, to be precise—at Toledo, Ohio, Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard in three rounds. On June 22, 1937, in Chicago, Joe Louis stopped Jimmy Braddock in the eighth. In these contests, Jack and Joe achieved the heavyweight championship of the world.

In between their tenures, we find that the title went from Dempsey to Gene Tunney, then to Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Primo Carnera, Max Baer and Braddock.



Jess Willard is down for the sixth time in the first round against Dempsey. Jess hit the floor a seventh time, to set a record in that session.

Ever since Louis gained the championship, we have been entertained with ultra-scientific dissertations, and discussions based merely on impression and fancy, comparing Joe with Dempsey.

We have had stories of imaginary fights between them. On the one hand, we have been regaled with insistence that Dempsey would have punched Louis into submission in a few rounds, on the other we have found just as firm conclusion that Joe would have revelled in the going against so open a target as Jack, and would have knocked him out in five or six heats.

Of course, discussions of that sort lead nowhere. They are made of stuff similar to that which went into those comparisons of Dempsey and Jim Jeffries, when Jack gained the championship, and Jeffries and John L. Sullivan, when the boilermaker stopped Bob Fitzsimmons in 1899, and succeeded to the title.

However, just so long as there is interest in boxing, just so long will we have these speculations concerning the relative abilities of standout heavyweights of different eras. And the talk is not confined to heavies. Let Dumb Dan Morgan get going on a Gans vs. Leonard fight, or Dixon against Attell,—if you dare!

HOW would Louis stand up against that short right to the jaw which followed the left deep into the midriff, ending in triumph. Dempsey's spectacular defense against Luis Angel Firpo, in the third round at the Polo Grounds on the night of September 14, 1923?

How would Dempsey have taken the murderous right to the jaw with which Louis staggered, and really finished Schmeling in the Yankee Stadium on the night of June 22, 1938?

Louis almost killed Max with one of the most furious and dynamic first round attacks in the history of the heavyweight title. Joe was paid at the rate of $175,000 a minute on that occasion, as he set a record with his spectacular knockout in 2 minutes 4 seconds.

How would Louis have fared, if in the place of Jess Willard, he had faced the smashing, slashing Manassa Mauler in that sunbaked arena on the shores of Maumee Bay thirty years ago?

Dempsey, weighing 187 pounds, as against Jess' 245, battered the Kansan to a pulp. Cement covered bandages? Concrete in either hand? Perhaps. Conceivably Louis would not have failed to make minute examination of Jack's maulies.

However, without conjecture as to what Jack had on his bandages, he certainly packed plenty in his right. He half murdered the gigantic Willard.

They say Louis, in his heyday, was a better boxer than Dempsey. That cannot be set down for a certainty. Gene Tunney was a more scientific performer than Louis, and Gene certainly did not make a bum out of Jack on the clever side in either of their fights.

Sure, Dempsey could do little against the boxer Tom Gibbons, at Shelby, Mont., in 1923. However, Jack did beat Gibbons conclusively, even though the fight lasted the limit of 15 rounds.

WHILE on that track, how about Louis' showing against the Briton Tommy Farr, on August 30, 1937, when they fought 15 rounds, to a decision for Joe?

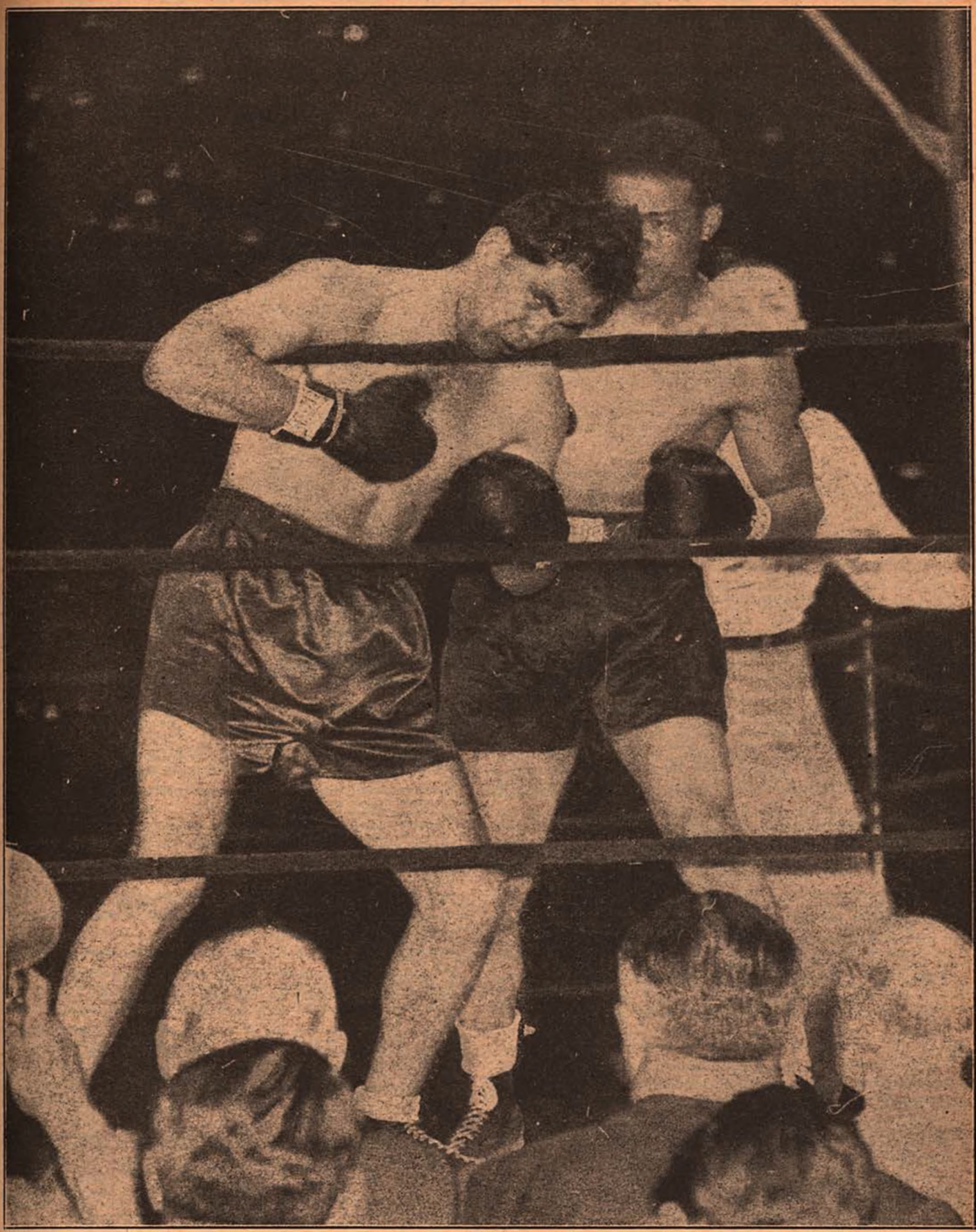
The following year Farr fought Braddock, Baer and Lou Nova, and in January, 1939, Tommy met Red Burman, all in New York. Farr lost every one of those encounters on decisions—four in a row—and not once did he look like the contender he had been in his fight with Louis.

I do not believe that if Dempsey had been Schmeling's opponent, in place of Louis, in the first Joe vs. Max encounter in June, 1936, Jack would have been knocked out in a dozen heats, the way Louis was.

I do not believe that if Dempsey, in his prime, had met Braddock for the title, the Cinderella Man would have lasted into the eighth round, as he did against Louis.

If I am giving you the impression that I am picking Dempsey over Louis in a fight for the title, with each man in the greatest form of his career, I am sorry. I don't want to stick my neck out that far.

But what a scrap that would have been! And how poignant the mere discussion is today, with Louis fading out of the picture, a mere imitation of his old self, and the field of contenders listing



Here is a camera classic of the ring. Max Schmeling helpless on the ropes in the first round of his second encounter with Joe Louis.

Lee Savold, Ezzard Charles, and the like!

To achieve a complete background for a fair comparison between Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis, it is necessary to study the round-by-round stories of a few of their outstanding contests.

It is essential, and interesting, to analyze the punch-by-punch drama of the contest in which Dempsey took the title from Willard and the encounter which made Louis the champion. Suppose, in these detailed stories, you substitute "Louis" for Willard, "Dempsey" for Braddock. Not a reliable line, but try

it, just for fun. Let us begin with the three round fight in which Jack stopped gigantic Jess! Here we go:—

Round One—Dempsey was first to lead, feinting with his right and shooting the left to the ribs of the champion, the impact making a noise like a baseball bat swatting a bass drum. Willard then poked out his long left at Dempsey but failed to land. Dempsey sidestepped with the skill of a Jim Corbett.

Willard tried again and finally reached Dempsey's face with a left lead. This roused Dempsey, who launched one of the most savage attacks seen in a ring. Whipping his left to the champion's right eye, Dempsey followed with a heavy straight right-hander over the heart that jarred the big fellow from head to heels.

Willard pulled himself together, assumed the aggressive, and turned loose several left handers meant to annihilate the challenger, but Dempsey again sidestepped and kept out of the danger zone. Willard then aimed a vicious left for the head, but Dempsey ducked under the lead and stepping in close, delivered a crashing left to the jaw that drove Willard against the ropes in Dempsey's corner.

Then, with a panther-like spring, Dempsey was upon the giant, plying him with rights and lefts to the face until the champion began to sway from the force of the blows. Willard's right eye was beginning to puff and he was in distress. Dempsey then gathered himself and sent a pile-driving right to the champion's jaw.

The big Kansan wavered momentarily, then sank to the canvas for the first knockdown he ever had received in the ring. With some difficulty he got to a sitting position and then to one knee, from which he arose at the count of six. As soon as Willard regained his feet, Dempsey showered him with terrific blows and again sent him to the canvas, from which he arose at the count of eight. By this time his right eye, which had been Dempsey's mark, was practically closed and blood was trickling from his mouth and nose.

A series of smashing blows brought Willard down for the third time, and when he tottered to his feet, Dempsey again floored him with savage blows. This was the fourth knockdown, and it did not seem possible for Willard to get up again.

He staggered about the ring in pitiful condition and his seconds would have been justified in tossing in the sponge, but they failed. Twice more the champion was sent down, but, with a remarkable exhibition of gameness, he struggled to his feet, only to be floored by three left hooks to the jaw.

The ring ropes in a neutral corner saved him from stretching his length on the floor, and he was in a sitting position as the round ended. He was counted out by the referee, who failed to hear the bell, but the timer claimed that the round ended before the referee's count of ten had been completed, so that Willard was saved by the bell. The referee had raised Dempsey's hand as evidence that he had won and the youngster left the ring only to be called back to resume the contest. Willard had to be dragged to his corner, he was so helpless.

The seven knockdowns suffered by Willard in the first round constitute a record for a heavyweight championship fight.

Round Two—As the men faced each other for the second round, Dempsey rushed from his corner like a wildcat. He sensed a quick victory, and then and there decided that the way to score it, was to take advantage of Willard's weakened condition and force the issue. Dempsey caught Jess with a terrific right hand blow to the body as they came in close and then showered the champion with rights and lefts to the face and body.

Willard tried to cover up, but couldn't. He seemed to be in a daze. All indications pointed to the fact that he was so thunder-struck at what had happened, that he was so bewildered, he didn't know what to make of Dempsey's attack. With his right eye partially closed, he found but a feeble defense. He appeared helpless under Dempsey's barrage and it was just a question of how much more punishment the champion could stand.

Dempsey was overanxious. He exerted himself trying for a knockout. He circled Jess, measured him carefully and then cut loose with lefts and rights to body and face that made the bout appear like a slaughter match. Every once in a while Dempsey would pick out that bad eye of Willard's and either peck away or smash into it with straight rights. He hit that mark often.

Towards the end of the round, Willard, though outclassed, showed his gameness. He was half staggering, yet he decided to fight it out and landed many a telling punch on the agile, young Dempsey. True, the blows were not of sufficient force to change the tide of battle, yet they proved that the champion would go down a fighting man. As the round ended, Willard staggered to his corner. He had put up a much better battle that round than in the first.

Round Three—Dempsey began where he left off in the second round. He hit the champion almost at will with either left hand or right, and occasionally varied the monotony by crashing a punch to the body. Willard scarcely made a return. Backing against the ropes, he tried to shield his head and body with his long arms from the rain of blows which the challenger poured in without any hindrance. Willard's right eye was entirely closed, while blood was streaming from his mouth and nose.

Finally Willard called on his fast ebbing strength and landed a stinging uppercut to Dempsey's jaw. But the challenger only smiled and returned the blow with such good measure that Willard was reeling and staggering as the bell rang, ending the round. He never came back for the fourth round.

NOW let us study very carefully the round-by-round analysis of the battle in which Louis wrestled the title from Braddock. The gong sounds, and off they go on an adventure which gives us one of the greatest champions of all time:—

Round One—Braddock met Louis as he came out and threw a long right, but it was wild and they clinched. Jim tried another right and it was wild. Louis unleashed a terrific right but Jim blocked it. Jim sent two lefts to the face and Louis sent a left to the body. They sparred cautiously.

Louis missed a left to the head but he followed with a heavy right to the jaw. Braddock sent a left to the face and blocked Louis' counter shot.

Jim sent a left and right to the body and Louis then hammered him in the body with both hands. Louis connected with a terrific right that staggered Jim, but Braddock staggered Louis with a sizzling right that upset Joe. Louis was up at the two count and was fighting back furiously at the bell. Braddock had a slight cut over his left eye.

Round Two—Braddock sent two lefts to the head but they were high. Jim then tossed a left to the head and Louis countered with a right to the jaw. Braddock sent another left to the head, then missed a hard right to the same spot.

Braddock drove two heavy rights to the head, but they were a trifle high. Louis sent two light lefts to the head and they sparred cautiously. Braddock drove two vicious lefts to the body. Louis missed a left and right to the head and Jim countered with a crisp right to the head.

Jim sent a hard left to the jaw and Louis backed away. Louis tried to hold Braddock off with his left, but Jim cracked him with a hard right. Louis staggered Braddock with a hard right and left to the head, and Jim was in distress as the bell rang.

Round Three—Jim was a little slow coming out, but when Louis got close enough he banged him with a short right to the head. Braddock was short with a heavy right to the head. Louis sent a series of lefts to the face. Braddock crossed two rights to the jaw that buckled Joe's knees, but he missed with a third one. Both missed rights to the head and then sparred at long range. Braddock missed a short right to the head and they exchanged lefts.

They sparred for several seconds before Louis sent a stiff left to the body. Braddock's right to the head was short, but he followed with two hard rights to the head. He followed with a right uppercut to the jaw but took a right to the head in exchange.

Round Four—They sparred cautiously and Braddock whipped a left to the head. As they sparred again Braddock drove a left and right to the jaw. Joe then sent three lefts to the head. Louis sent another left to the face and Braddock whipped both hands to the body but missed two hard rights to the jaw.

They traded lefts to the head and Louis connected with a sharp right to the jaw. Braddock sent a short right to the jaw. Louis had the better of an exchange of lefts. Louis missed a right to the head and Jim shot a right uppercut to the head.

Round Five—Jim cracked Louis on the head with two rights. Two lefts to the nose drew blood from Louis' nose. Louis countered with a heavy left to the jaw.

Braddock sent a sharp right to the jaw. Braddock sent a hard left and right to the jaw. Louis was doing more forcing now, but Braddock drove a jolting left to the head. Louis sent three lefts to the face and a hard right to the jaw. The blood dripping from Joe's nose seemed to be making him breathe with difficulty.

Round Six—Louis backed away as Jim swung an overhand right. Braddock landed two glancing rights on Louis' jaw. Louis drove two lefts to the face and followed with a hard right to the jaw, but the champion came back with a two-fisted barrage to the head that sent the challenger back into the ropes.

The cut over Jim's left eye was reopened as they came out of a clinch. A series of lefts sent the blood streaming from Louis' nose. A series of rights staggered the champion and one of these blows opened a cut in Jim's upper lip, but the champion refused to back up and he buckled Louis' knees with a right to the jaw at the bell.

Round Seven—Braddock sent a left to the head that drove Louis to the ropes. He followed with rights to the head and body. Louis scored with both hands to the body and sent three lefts to the head. Jim missed a right to the head and Louis stood off and stabbed him with a series of lefts.

Jim missed a left to the head but scored with a right to the body. Braddock scored with three uppercuts to the head. Braddock drove a left and right to the head but Louis countered with a left and right to the head.

Louis was bleeding at the nose and Braddock from the mouth. Braddock drove a heavy left to the head and followed with two rights to the jaw. Braddock's left eye was puffed and swollen as he went to his corner.

Round Eight—Braddock drove Louis to the ropes with a left and right to the head but he took a left and right to the body. Louis drove a left to the head and a heavy left hook to the body.

Louis drove a left hook to the head and a short right to the jaw that dropped Braddock to the canvas and he was counted out.

Louis wins by a knockout.

The time was 1 minute 10 seconds.

NOW I would like you to take a careful look at the punch-by-punch excitement of Dempsey's great victory over Firpo.

Round One—They hear the bell, come to ring center, and when Dempsey meets him, Jack lunges out with a left and, strange to say, misses. Firpo lashes out with a right and, strange to say, lands! Firpo's big, boulderlike fist and hairy forearm lands clublike on Dempsey's left temple.

Although Jack partially blocks the blow, it hurts, and when Firpo quickly whips a right to the body Dempsey's knees sag and he almost goes to the floor.

He saves himself from sinking to the canvas by grasping Firpo's shoulders and pulling himself to his feet.

The crowd gives a startled "Ah!"

"What!" every one seems to exclaim. "The great Dempsey knocked to his knees by this upstart from the Argentine! We cannot believe it!"

Then Dempsey swings into action.

He hooks his left to Firpo's jaw. It is the quick, savage strike of the panther.

Down goes Firpo.

Luis disdains a count. He clambers to his feet, eyes blazing, and crashes his right solidly to the body. Dempsey makes no attempt to evade it. Firpo clubs his right to the jaw. Dempsey does not try to block it. What's up, anyway?

Swish! Plunk! Thud!

Dempsey steps in with a left uppercut, Firpo sinks slowly to his knees like a stricken ox.

He gets up and Dempsey digs in cruel lefts and rights at the body. Firpo is game, dead game. He swings his ponderous right to Dempsey's ribs. Once, twice, three times. Dempsey does not block, sidestep or slip away.

Once more Dempsey's left curls to the jaw. Once more down goes Senor Firpo.

Dempsey is standing over him in violation of the rules, which compel a boxer to retire to the farthest corner when scoring a knockdown. When Firpo attempts to rise Dempsey, in high battle fever, strikes out at him. The blow grazes Firpo's head.

Will the referee disqualify Dempsey? We watch expectantly. No. The referee overlooks the unintentional violation. Firpo sinks back again, and with the referee warning Dempsey back the Argentinian rises to his feet.

Dempsey chases him across the ring and lands a left and right to the jaw, dropping Firpo in Jack's own corner.

Again Firpo ignores a count. Eyes blazing and sullen features enraged, he rushes at Dempsey, swinging lefts and rights. He bears Dempsey across the ring.

Under the combined impetus of Firpo's rush and blows Dempsey is sent hurtling through the ropes.

The ring is a high one. We fear an accident. But Dempsey's buttocks land first on the boards outside the ropes, and as he goes tilting backward hands are stretched up from the press stand, breaking his fall.

Dempsey is outside the ropes. The referee and knockdown timer are counting. They reach "Nine" before the champion succeeds in climbing back into the ring.

Firpo is atop of him with a rush, flailing away with both hands. He paws with his left, but lands lustily with his right. It looks stormy for Dempsey. Jack's own face plainly shows he knows he is in danger, grave danger. Suddenly Dempsey rallies and crashes his right solidly to the heart. There is an exchange and they work around near Firpo's corner. The bell rings.

Dempsey, bewildered and deafened by the yells, does not hear the gong. He cuffs Firpo with both hands after the bell. The referee seizes him and pulls him away. Only then does Jack come to his full senses and realize that the round is over.

Round Two—There is a wild buzz among the spectators. That rush and knocking of Dempsey through the ropes has the crowd wondering, fearful. Jack Kearns, white faced, works over Dempsey. *(Continued on page 36)*

CRADLE of BOXING

Sharkey A.C., Founded by Jim Buckley, Started Many Famous Ringmen on Their Careers, Among Them Gene Tunney and Leach Cross

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE recent death of James Buckley, owner of the famous Sharkey Athletic Club in the club membership days of boxing in New York City, brings back memories of many famous fights and fighters and human interest stories on one of the roughest, toughest hombres that ever managed a fistic organization in New York. Buckley, born in Cork, Ireland, died at his home, Rockaway Beach, at the age of eighty-five. He came to America when nineteen and entered the construction business, but being an ardent follower of pugilism in his native Erin, he decided to take a fling at the game in the land of his adoption and made good with a vengeance.

Some of the world's most prominent boxers appeared at his club. Among several top fighters whom he managed were Gunboat Smith and Harlem Tommy Murphy. In later years, after the sport had become legalized in the state, Buckley handled the affairs of the Queensboro Arena and the Palace of Joy in Coney Island.

James Buckley who died a few weeks ago at the age of 85.

It was at the Sharkey Club that Gene Tunney, who later became world heavyweight king, made his pro debut against Bobby Dawson, now a judge for the New York Boxing Commission. Jack Johnson, Sam Langford, Bert Keyes, Leach Cross, Frankie Madden, Eddie Fitzsimmons, Battling Hurley, Young Otto, Johnny Marto, among other great fighters of their era, were booked by Buckley.

BOXING owes much to Buckley for keeping the sport going at a time when he had to buck the police at his every move. While others decided they had had enough, during those tempestuous days, Buckley refused to give in. He fought the cops with the energy that a good fighting Irishman could muster and in the end, he found himself minus his bankroll and minus his club. He was among those who kept up a continuous battle for legislation to legalize boxing.

Though the police raided the Sharkey Club with regularity, as they did Billy Gibson's Fairmont and Bill Brown's 23rd Street Club, Buckley never gave up. Closed one night, he would resume the following fight night. Even after Brown and Gibson closed their clubs, Buckley's shows went on. Eleven times he was arrested and on one occasion, when bail was refused him, he spent five hours in the Tombs until his friend Charley Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, got wind of the arrest and had the doors unlocked for Buckley.

After his retirement as a promoter, he took under his wing Canada Lee, who today is one of the finest actors in the country. He also handled Leo Gates, the Mohawk Indian, now a cop on a beat in which Madison Square Garden is situated. Still another good heavyweight who was tutored by Jim was Bud Gorman, who for a time looked like an excellent prospect.

It was while in California where he took Harlem Tommy Murphy to fight Abe Attell, that Buckley signed Gunboat Smith. Smith helped Buckley second Murphy in that famous, bloody battle, and brought the Gunner East where he made a hit as a white heavyweight hope. Though Bill Brown, who later became a member of the New York State Boxing Commission, was often pointed out as the promoter who gave the youngsters a chance to make good in boxing, no one in New York started more boys on the road to fistic fame than did Jim Buckley.

THE first fight that Leach Cross, one of the greatest lightweights of the club membership days engaged in, was at the Sharkey A.C. where he clashed with Bob Waters. The fact that Leach was to fight that night was kept a secret. The Wallach family was a religious one and the show being staged on Friday night, Leach Cross feared that his dad would not permit him to go to the club. Orthodox Jews refrained from working on the eve of the Sabbath. On the night of the battle, Leach pleaded with his father for permission to go out to keep "an important engagement," and even brother Sam Wallach, who managed Cross after he turned to professional fighting, wasn't aware that Cross was on his way to the Sharkey A.C.

Late that night, Leach came home, tip-toed into his room, quickly undressed and turning to brother Sam remarked:

"I had a fight at the Sharkey A.C. tonight. How can I get rid of this black eye before Pop sees it?"

"What happened?" asked Sam.

"I knocked out a guy named Bob Waters in the second round and the promoter, Jim Buckley, handed me six dollars."

"You shouldn't have fought, Leach," answered Sam. "You know this is Friday night. Dad will be pretty angry if he learns of it."

But Leach Cross found a way out of his difficulty and thereafter he was seen quite frequently at Buckley's Columbus Avenue club.

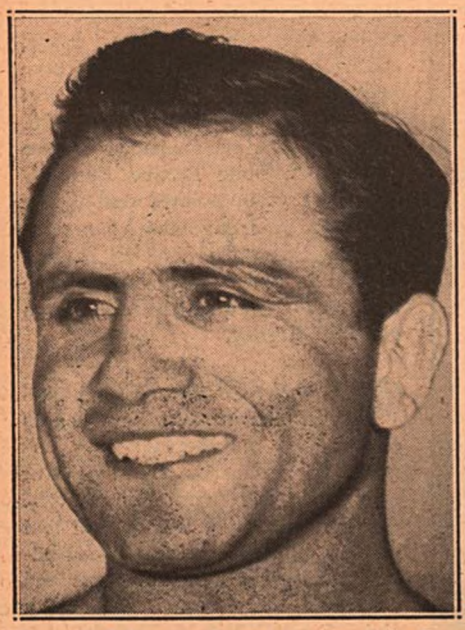
A FEW weeks ago Larry McGrath, former fighter, who has often appeared in Hollywood movies as a referee, visited THE RING office. Larry, an excellent story teller, asked for Cross and when informed that he was very ill, remarked:

"One of the best club fighters this country has ever had. What a wallop he carried. And tricky! Say, they can talk about Kid McCoy and the tricks he pulled, but he never had anything on Leachie.

"One of the toughest fights I engaged in was with Cross at the Sharkey Athletic Club," continued McGrath. "In those days preliminary boys were not allowed to bring in any seconds or handlers. The club furnished them. Cross tried to get his brother Sam in, but Buckley stopped him. He demanded a ticket and Leach had to pay $1.00 before Sam *(Continued on page 34)*

BOXING STILL LEADS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

American Ringmen Invade Europe, While British, French, German, Dutch and Italian Stars Compete in the United States



Beppe Colasanti, speedy young featherweight, is among Italy's latest ring exports to United States.

By HANLEY THOMPSON

THE international sock exchange really is booming these days.

The United States exports Lee Oma and Lee Savold to England to meet Bruce Woodcock. . . . France ships Robert Villemain to New York to hook up with Steve Belloise. . . . Billy Graham and Tony Janiro hop over to London to face Henry Hall and Eddie Thomas. . . . A steady stream of Italians pour into New York. . . . Sandy Saddler talks about a tour of Europe. . . . Germany and Holland get into the act by sending Hein ten Hoff and Luc van Dam, their heavyweight and middleweight champions, respectively, to compete in American rings.

The winner, and still undisputed champion, in the world's competitive athletic field is boxing, which knows no race, creed, color or geographical boundaries.

Until last year, every world ring championship, with the one exception of the flyweight, had become practically an American monopolistic possession. And the only reason we didn't also have the flyweight title was because the little fellows had become virtually extinct in our boxing scheme of things. The days of the Frankie Masons, Johnny Buffs, Pancho Villas and Frankie Genaros had gone, and we had no 112-pounders worth while. So we were quite content to let Europe have the flyweight title, and it was immaterial to us whether Jackie Paterson of Scotland or Rinty Monaghan of Ireland was champion.

Within the last year, however, two other championships vanished from our shores. The light-heavyweight diadem wound up on the British head of Freddie Mills, and the middleweight laurels became the property of French-Moroccan Marcel Cerdan.

The latest invasion of European glovers would indicate that serious efforts are being made to wrest a few of the remaining titles from us.

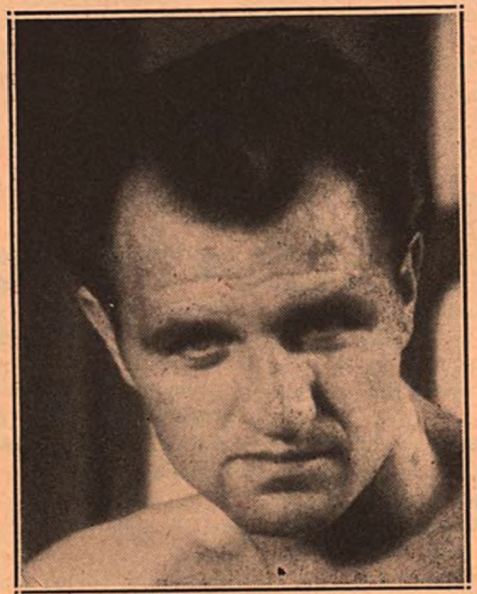
AS THIS is being written, nearly a score of Europe's better ringmen are campaigning on this side of the Atlantic—and others are listed for early arrival here.

Max Waxman, veteran promoter, manager and Jack Dempsey's business representative, has already brought over two Europeans—Jo Weidin, Austrian heavyweight, and Laurent Dauthuille, who rates behind Marcel Cerdan and Robert Villemain as France's No. 3 middleweight.

Weidin so far has been something of a disappointment, and has failed to live up to his flattering advance notices. But he is young, and should improve with the sort of experience he has been acquiring in American rings. The Austrian is big, strong and willing, and packs a robust punch, but has a lot to learn about boxing before he can step out with the headliners.

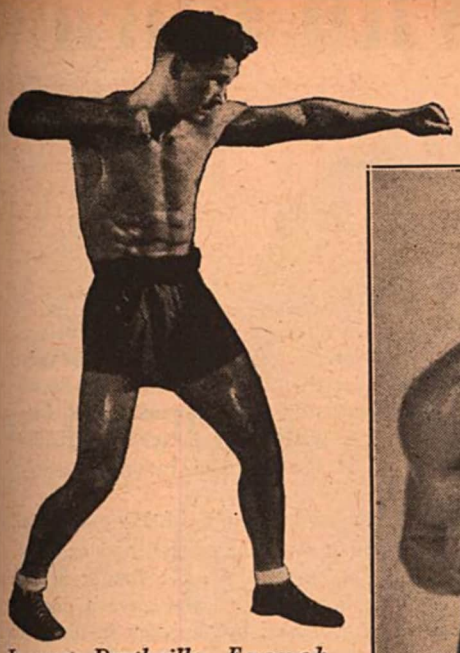
Another Italian visitor looking for ring action is aggressive lightweight Silvano Locatelli.

Dauthuille, operating out of Montreal, has shaped up well in his early starts. He opened his North American campaign by whipping Pete Zaduck in Montreal, then journeyed to Holyoke, Mass., to stop Ernie Forte, and returned to Montreal to outpunch the veteran Ralph Zannelli. A strong, rugged, two-handed puncher of the "club fighter" species, Dauthuille figures to make things interesting for our middleweight leaders.



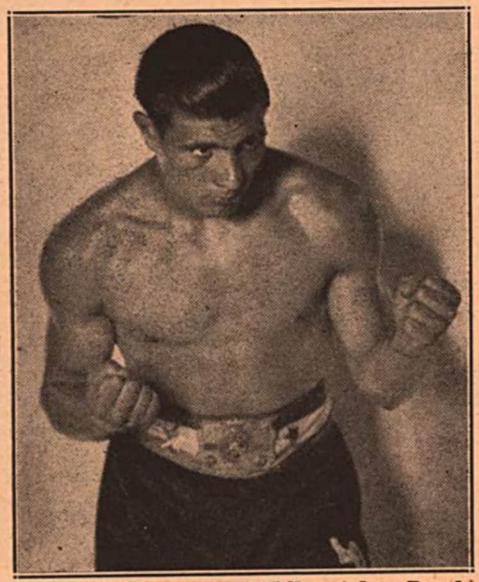
Speculation is keen in "unknown quantity," Hein ten Hoff, Holland-born holder of German heavyweight title.

Another Frenchman, who has established his base of operations in California and Arizona, is Jean Mougin, former holder of his nation's lightweight title. Without the usual fanfare that attends the arrival of foreign boxers, Mougin quietly checked into our midst during the summer of 1948, and fought in New Orleans. From there he headed west, but instead of starting at the "top," he was content to begin modestly enough in preliminary bouts, giving himself ample opportunity to become acclimated and adjusted to conditions in American rings. He has been a consistent winner in Los Angeles, Hollywood and Phoenix, though his opposition so far has been of the ordinary sort, and he has not as yet stacked up against any of our better lightweights.



Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight, successfully campaigning in U.S. under tutelage of Max Waxman and Jack Dempsey.

UNUSUAL speculation centers about Hein ten Hoff, Holland-born holder of the German heavyweight title.



One of Europe's top middleweights, Dutch champion Luc van Dam, is planning American campaign.

Ten Hoff, who is now in New York, is definitely an unknown quantity to the world at large, and how good a fighter he may be, is something that remains to be seen.

Hein's entire professional boxing career has been confined to German rings, and the only familiar name in his record is that of Walter Neusel, who will be remembered by American fans for his battles during the mid-'30s with Tommy Loughran, King Levinsky, Natie Brown, Ray Impelletierre and Primo Carnera.

Ten Hoff twice whipped Neusel, first by a decision in 1946, then by a knockout in 1947.

Hein's complete record shows 15 kayoes, two decisions and one draw in 18 professional starts. Before he turned to the money ranks, he was outstanding in German and European amateur competition, with a record of only five defeats in 189 bouts spread across five years of campaigning.

Despite his tremendous physical proportions—he stands 6 feet, 3 inches, and scales a solid 215 pounds—Ten Hoff is said to be unusually agile, with a good knowledge of boxing. He has a fast, jolting left jab and a right that packs plenty of authority, according to his father-in-law manager.

Well, we shall see what we shall see. The heavyweight division is sadly in need of a few "new faces," and if Ten Hoff really can fight, the international touch will be welcomed.

TWO other recent arrivals in New York—Jean Walzack, French welterweight, and Gaetano Annaloro, Tunisian bantam—sport European records that would appear to qualify them as formidable opponents for the best of our homebreds.

Walzack was the winner of the tournament to determine Villemain's successor when Robert gave up the French welterweight title to fight as a middleweight. In the final round of the tourney, Walzack knocked out Omar Kouidri.

Some of Jean's previous performances were triumphs over Ernie Roderick, then British champion; Tommy Armour of Ireland, Gino Verdinelli and Ricardo Battaglia of Italy, and a pair of visiting Americans, Holman Williams and Berry Wright.

Of Polish parentage, Walzack was born and raised in France, and is described as a rough, tough, two-fisted slugger who crowds real action into his work.

It is unfortunate for Annaloro that our bantam class is almost as extinct as the flyweight, and Gaetano may find it difficult getting fights with opponents his own size. He may have to spot a few pounds here and there and campaign among the feathers.

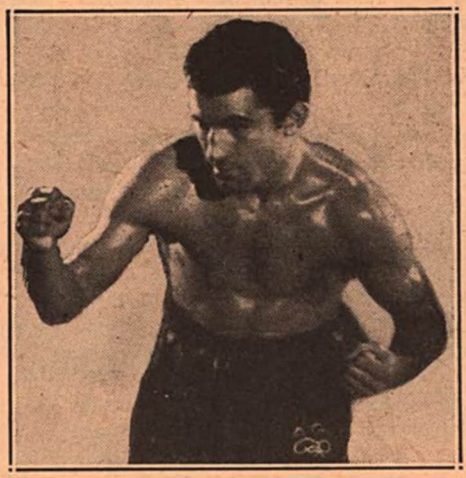
The Tunisian, a well-built youngster, with an aggressive, hard-hitting style, ran off a string of ten straight wins in European rings during 1948. His outstanding accomplishments were decisions over two of France's top bantams, Jean Jouas and Georges Mousse.

LUC VAN DAM, who probably will be in our midst by the time this appears in print, is regarded as Belgian Cyrille Delannoit's chief rival in European middleweight circles. Delannoit, it will be recalled, was the lad who won and lost in two battles with Marcel Cerdan in Brussels just before the French-Moroccan wrested the world 160-pound championship from Tony Zale in Jersey City last September.

The Van Dam-Delannoit rivalry has been one of the most intense in Europe. Three times the rivals have hooked up in the Belgian's native Brussels, and the fact that Van Dam can show an even-up score would seem to indicate that the Dutchman really has the stuff.

The first scrap, held in 1947, resulted in a ten-round draw. Early in 1948, Van Dam whipped Delannoit in another ten-rounder. Later in the year, when Cerdan gave up his European crown after winning the world championship, Van Dam and Delannoit were nominated to fight it out for Marcel's vacated throne. This time Delannoit was awarded a close verdict after 15 bruising rounds.

Among Van Dam's other accomplishments have been decisions over Robert Charron of France and Giovanni Manca of Italy. In his most recent start, he invaded England to whip Albert Finch, rated No. 1 contender for the British championship. It was Finch's first defeat in a year and a half. By way of making his victory emphatic, Van Dam dropped Albert twice during the bout.



The hard-hitting Tunisian bantam, Gaetano Annaloro, may find 118-pound opponents scarce here.

The Hollander is said to be a combination of boxer and fighter, a shrewd ring general, and a stiff puncher with either hand.

SAVERIO TURIELLO, one of the world's top welterweights during the '30s, and more recently an

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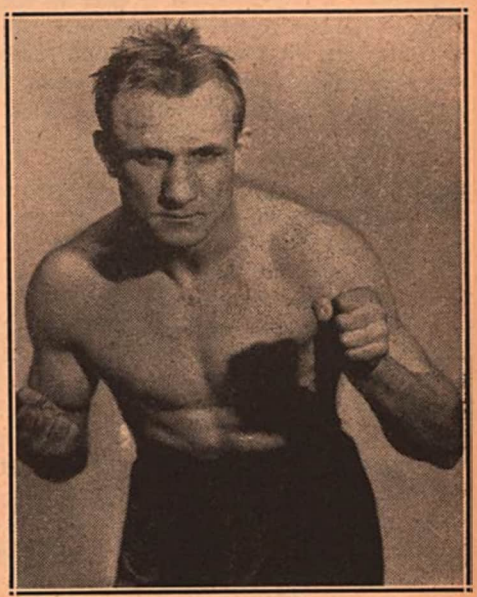


Rugged, aggressive Jean Walzack, French welterweight king, tries his luck in American rings.

Down Memory Lane With Hurley

Vince Foster's Debut Recalls the Thrilling Feats of Ace Hudkins, Jimmy McLarnin and Billy Petrolle

By TED CARROLL

IT ISN'T often that a western fighter comes into New York the underdog to score as sensationally as did Jack Hurley's Vince Foster in the Garden recently. Those things may happen in the movies, but in real life they're few and far between. More often than not, it's the other way around with a ballyhooed out-of-towner getting sent back to the sticks by some ordinary local boy. Seeing Hurley brings one back to another era.

One has to go pretty far back to find a success parallel to Foster's smash hit. It's quite a coincidence that a similar exploit can be credited to a tough kid from the same western state, Ace Hudkins, the old Nebraska Wildcat. No fighter was ever more aptly named.

The Hudkins-Ruby Goldstein fight, in which the Nebraskan made his big-city bow, is still one of the most discussed of the past 25 years. Reams have been written about this mill. So much so, the likeable Ruby, now the nation's ace referee, often remarks, "According to most people the only fight I ever had in my life was the one with Ace Hudkins. No matter where I go they never miss asking me about that one. I'll probably fall over in a faint if anybody ever talks to me for ten minutes without bringing up Ace Hudkins."

A GENERATION has passed and Ace Hudkins is just a memory now. But back in 1926 he was a yellow-haired, mauling, steel-hearted and granite-chinned chunk of fighter. The overly cautious clique that guided Goldstein had okayed him as an opponent mainly because of his record. He didn't seem to be much of a puncher. Then again Ruby was being called "the greatest prospect ever seen in the ring," which is just what he was, in those days.

There had been one small voice in the wilderness crying out that perhaps the Ace might prove a little embarrassing to the Ghetto Jewel. Sid Terris had tangled with Hudkins in East Chicago a few months previously. For some reason, Sid is seldom named among the top lightweights of all time. But he was a great boxer. He'd fight anybody and was almost invincible at his peak.

So great was Sid's speed, so deft his left hand, it was nothing unusual for him to whirl through ten rounds against good men without being hit a single solid punch. The Ace had only landed one real wallop as Sid skedaddled about the ring out west. So, how could Ace give Goldstein any trouble, figured Ruby's managers.

SID disagreed. "That Hudkins, he's too tough. Keep him away from Ruby, I'm telling you. He'll chase anybody out of the ring."

Sid's warning cry, interpreted as envy by his East Side rival's board of strategy was disregarded.

What happened is history. The Ace got off the deck in the first round to finish the fight—and Ruby—in the fourth. The bout had developed into one of the biggest wagering affairs of the time.

In-the-know Westerners, spearheaded by the fabulous Nick the Greek, backing short-ender Hudkins, eased huge sums, cleverly distributed, into the big town, where they were gobbled up by cocksure beer barons and gamblers of the prohibition era, who were convinced that Goldstein was invincible.

There are some minor differences in the Foster and Hudkins cases. Pellone, while a more seasoned fighter, was far from the sensation that Goldstein was in those days. Despite the comparisons drawn between Ace and Vince, there is considerable difference in their styles and the tactics employed in the ring.

Foster impresses as a much sharper puncher. Hudkins was a mauler. Foster, while an aggressive fighter, pauses and sharpshoots at intervals, the Wildcat was a head-on-fighter who never stopped boring in. Vince apparently takes a punch well, but no fighter his weight ever took a wallop any better than Hudkins, who was never counted out in ten years of tussling.

HUDKINS' rep wasn't confined to one fight. He proved to be a pugilist of exceptional heart, ruggedness, and endurance, in the years following the Goldstein affair. He fought in every division from lightweight to heavyweight, and gave a good account of himself at all times. "K.O.'ed by" appears in his record only once and this time a cut eye caused the cessation of hostilities. It is recalled that he was on the floor but once. Goldstein turned this trick. The Ace never held a title, but was a fighter of championship ability.

He came closest to winning a crown when boxing Mickey Walker for the middleweight title in Chicago back in June, 1928. This was a bloody, brawling affair, fought in a rainstorm. Walker, then at his best, was given a decision that many thought should have been awarded to Hudkins.

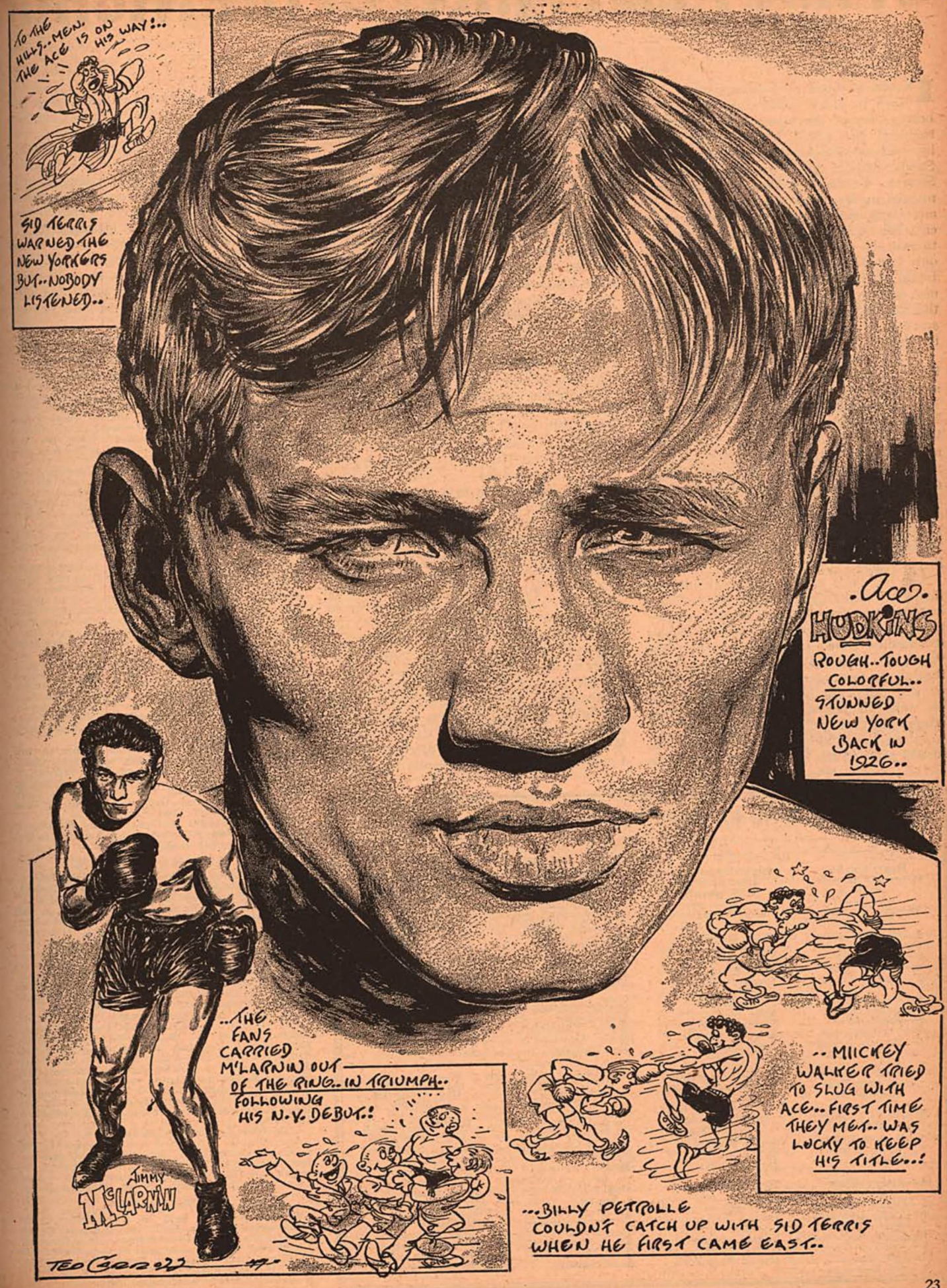
In this gruelling scuffle Mickey had attempted to stand head-to-head with the Nebraskan and narrowly escaped defeat. No one could outslug Hudkins. A year later on the Pacific Coast, Walker turned boxer, handled Hudkins' head-on charges expertly and won quite handily. Even today, the Toy Bulldog is full of praise for his old foe. "When you got in there with Hudkins, you knew you were in a fight," says Mickey Walker.

The Ace had plenty of color in the ring. He came out of Lincoln, Nebraska, and was good enough as a blubbery heavyweight to win the California state title in 1931 and beat Kingfish Levinsky. In the ring, he gave no quarter and asked none. Everything went with the Ace. If Omaha's Vince does half as well as Lincoln's Ace, Jack Hurley will be on the way to handling another "Fargo Express."

PAST experiences have made Easterners skeptical of those Western whirlwinds who have turned out to be just gentle breezes in New York City rings. Such a one was Tuffy Griffiths, the Iowan, who went through the Western heavyweights like a cyclone, swept into the Garden on a wave of approbation and wound up a quick kayo victim at the hands of Jim Braddock.

Jack McAuliffe II was still another. There has never been a gym fighter like this Detroiter. In training he could do no wrong; in the ring he proved a soft touch for Luis Angel Firpo's right. Even the great Jack Dempsey was no ball of fire back in 1916, when he first showed up in New York. The man who was to become one of the greatest of all heavyweight punchers fought three fights, but kayoed nobody. In fact he ran into particularly heavy going at the hands of John Lester Johnson in a close, tough struggle. When Jack finally came back to New York, it was as heavyweight champion of the world, and even then his fight with Bill Brennan in the Old Garden in 1920 was one of his least impressive.

A COUPLE of years after Hudkins' smashing debut another outlander was to score a similar success and go on to great things. A cherubic pink-cheeked kid with an elfish grin, named Jimmy McLarnin, moved into the metropolis to do battle with our old friend Sidney Terris. Sid had no one to warn him, the way he had hung out the danger *(Continued on page 34)*


TO THE HILLS..MEN. THE ACE IS ON HIS WAY!..
SID TERRIS WARNED THE NEW YORKERS BUT..NOBODY LISTENED..
.Ace. HUDKINS
ROUGH..TOUGH COLORFUL.. STUNNED NEW YORK BACK IN 1926..
..THE FANS CARRIED M'LARNIN OUT OF THE RING..IN TRIUMPH.. FOLLOWING HIS N.Y. DEBUT!
Jimmy McLARNIN
..MICKEY WALKER TRIED TO SLUG WITH ACE..FIRST TIME THEY MET..WAS LUCKY TO KEEP HIS TITLE..!
...BILLY PETROLLE COULDN'T CATCH UP WITH SID TERRIS WHEN HE FIRST CAME EAST..
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Willie Pep Fighter of the Month

By THE RING STAFF

IN one of the best battles seen in New York in many months and by far the best so far of the year, little Willie Pep regained the world featherweight crown by winning the unanimous decision over Sandy Saddler in 15 rounds in Madison Square Garden. Willie, though badly mussed up from the vicious attacks of his adversary, scored sufficient points through extreme cleverness, trickery and roughness to gain the upper hand. His opponent, who only last October took the crown from Pep, found Willie's peppery jabs and his elusiveness too much to enable him to repeat what the majority had expected he would do—score another knockout. Instead, he went the route and lost the verdict.

By his triumph and his remarkable exhibition despite a badly cut face, with blood streaming from wounds under the eyes, Pep again becomes our Fighter of the Month. Freddie Dawson, whose sensational knockout of Bernard Docusen in Chicago, and Terry Allen, Johnny Sharpe's fine little man from England, who upset Rinty Monaghan, gave Pep a close run for this month's honors. Allen not only whipped Monaghan and put him on the deck, but he got a 12-round verdict over the highly-rated Dickie O'Sullivan to gain the leading challenger's post.

The big shots of the boxing world have finally gotten into action and many thrilling battles were recorded both in this country and abroad. The appearance of Ray Robinson against Gene Buffalo in an overweight match in Wilkes-Barre is an indication that Sugar Ray, as sweet a battler as there is, will come out of his shell and defend his welter laurels ere long or give up the crown and compete as a middleweight.

Jersey Joe Walcott has held down the second place in the heavyweight class since his second attempt to lift the crown from the head of Joe Louis. However, the consistent winning of Ezzard Charles and the inactivity of Walcott have compelled THE RING to give the leading contender's spot to Ezzard now and to drop Jersey Joe to second place. There were few other changes in the heavyweight class.

Archie Moore bounced back into his familiar position as No. 2 light-heavyweight. Archie looked good in polishing off the hard-socking Bob Satterfield in three heats. Henry Hall, who holds a victory over Moore, raised his stock by gaining a draw with the seldom-beaten Bert Lytell. Henry ended the month in sixth position.

The middleweight ranks have almost no changes with the exception of the addition of the terrific punching southpaw from San Diego, Calif., Bob Murphy. During the years 1948 and 1949 Belting Bob has engaged in 15 bouts, winning 15, all but one by knockouts. Murphy looks like the best of the middleweight youngsters. Lee Sala tasted defeat for the first time in 45 bouts when he bowed to Tony DiMicco. Sala has been eliminated from the select circle.

The welterweight division accepted two graduates from the lightweight class when Freddie Dawson and Jesse Flores were promoted. Dawson entered the ranks ruled over by Sugar Ray Robinson when he stopped the clever Bernard Docusen for the first time in the latter's long career. Dawson earned the second position directly under the Cuban Hawk, Kid Gavilan. Flores, who keeps right on winning as a welterweight, finds it impossible to make the lightweight limit any longer and is now competing as a full fledged welter. Charley Williams has been dropped after his loss to Gene Burton, who is now in the No. 4 spot.

Ike Williams tasted defeat after a long string of successes when the leading welterweight contender, Kid Gavilan, reversed a previous loss to the lightweight champion. Sonny Boy West, the rugged Baltimore lightweight, entered the contender ranks when he took a close decision from Johnny Williams. West is now No. 8 and Williams takes the spot just below his conqueror.

Little Danny O'Sullivan scored a surprising upset when he stopped Guido Ferracin in the fifth heat. Danny, on the basis of that victory, is now rated the sixth bantamweight in the world with Ferracin No. 8.

Results of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles knocked out Johnny Haynes, 8. Rusty Payne battered Curtis Sheppard to take a ten-round decision. Payne then beat Sandy McPherson, 10. Lee Oma thrashed Angel Sotillo, 10, and Ted Lowry, 10. Colion Chaney came back after a long layoff to decision Bill Gillian, 8. Joe Kahut was held to a draw by Dutch Culbertson, 10, but later Joe won a 15-round duke over Dutch.

Freddie Beshore defeated Tony Bosnich, 10. Sid Peaks flattened Alabama Kid, 1, but Sid was chilled by Elmer Ray, 9. Fitzie Fitzpatrick halted Bob O'Bannon, 6. Jo Weidin decisioned Walter Hafer, 10. Ollie Tandberg outpointed Stephan Olek, 12. Bernie Reynolds stopped Gene Gosney, 6. Buddy Scott stopped Tony Marteliano, 3. Tommy Gomez kayoed Joe Domonic, 6, and Ted Walters, 1.

Roscoe Tiles defeated Al Hart, 10. Paddy Slavin knocked out Alex Woods in two to take North Ireland title. Johnny Shkor whipped Sandy McPherson, 10. Orlando Ott stiffened Tiny Robinson, 2. Bob Sikes lost to Ragon Kinney, 10. Enrique Bertola bested Ray Stevens, 10. Vince Donnelly whipped Tiny Robinson, 6. Clarence Henry stopped Don Ancen, 1. Maynard Jones decisioned Bill Gilliam, 8.

George Kaplan flattened Jimmy Hill, 1. Steve King drew with Sylvester Salters, 6. Jimmy Evans decisioned Dom Mogard, 8. Tom Giorgio shaded Tony Manfredonia, 4. Johnny Melko defeated Joe Domonick, 6. Jim Holden stopped St. Paul, 4. Earl Walls flattened Roy Thomas, 1. Joe Lindsay drew with Jim Holden, 8. Cesar Brion defeated Phila Alston, 8.

Jack Gardner stopped Nick Fisher, 5, and flattened Matt Hardy, 1. Former British Champion Jack London decisioned Reg Andrews, 8. Vic Brooks outclassed Ray Edwards, 8, but, in turn, was beaten by Pat Stribling, 8. Gerry McDermott stopped George Dawson, 4. Gene Fowler outpointed Tom North, 8.

Tami Mauriello defeated Jim Holden, 8. George Kaplan whipped Dom Mogard, 6. Bob Sikes scored over Buddy Scott, 10.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Archie Moore knocked out Bob Satterfield, 3. Oakland Billy Smith knocked out Dave Clark, 3. Henry Hall held Bert Lytell to a ten-round draw. Tommy Yarosz won from Bobby Dance, 8, and Nick Barone, 10. Lloyd Marshall dropped a ten-rounder to heavyweight Roy Taylor. The promising Dave Whitlock won over Grant Butcher, 10. Artie Levine K.O.'ed Tom McKeagney, 8. Sipio Lofton whipped Burl Charity, 8. Eddie Dutton halted Dick Wagner, 5. Doc Williams stopped Eddie Wilson, 2. Remo Polideri won from Willie Parker, 10. Dom Bernardo K.O.'ed Harry Haft, 4.

Bob O'Bannon shaded Bob Garner, 8. Al Winn beat Johnny Bassett, 8. Dennis Powell flattened Doug Brock, 1. Tommy Sullivan outpointed Johnny Carter, 10. Mike Sobel chilled Tommy O'Connor, 1. Bob Isler won from James Walls, 6. Mike Franco beat Eddie Brown, 4, and Harry Harris also in 4. Eddie Halligan stopped Billy Pappas, 5. Johnny Bassett won on a disqualification over Herbie Morris, 4. Tony Gangemi defeated Vernon Williams, 6. Jimmy Corello battered Henry Harris, 4. Dennis Powell shaded Len Bennett, 8.

Bob Isler decisioned Art Henri, 6.

Don Cockell outpointed Lloyd Barnett, 8, and whipped Mark Hart over the same distance. Derek Alexander needed only 26 seconds to polish off Trevor Burt. Binger Sadd kayoed Roy Peterson, 3. Mike Sobol flattened Benny

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bert Lytell was held to a draw by Light-Heavyweight Henry Hall, 10. European Champion Cyrille Delannoit outpointed Vince Hawkins, 10. Steve Belloise stopped Henry Chemel, 2. Sylvester Perkins pasted Randy Brown in 10. Tony DiMicco upset Lee Sala, 10. Dutch Champion Luc van Dam whipped Albert Finch, 10. French Champion Jean Stock retained title by

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending February 15, 1949

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Freddie Mills	World's Champion Marcel Cerdan	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Ezzard Charles	Gus Lesnevich	Bert Lytell	Kid Gavilan
2—Joe Walcott	Archie Moore	Steve Belloise	Freddie Dawson
3—Lee Savold	Leonard Morrow	Jake LaMotta	Frankie Fernandez
4—Joey Maxim	Dave Sands	Cyrille Delannoit	Gene Burton
5—Johnny Flynn	Charley (Doc) Williams	Tony Zale	Beau Jack
6—Jimmy Bivins	Henry Hall	Sylvester Perkins	Johnny Greco
7—Rusty Payne	Billy Smith	Dick Turpin	Bernard Docusen
8—Elmer Ray	Tommy Yarosz	Robert Villemain	Charley Fusari
9—Pat Valentino	Dave Whitlock	Rocky Graziano	Jesse Flores
10—Freddie Beshore	Artie Levine	Bob Murphy	Johnny Cesario

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Sandy Saddler	Cecil Schoonmaker	Maurice Sandeyron
2—Maxie Docusen	Ray Famechon	Luis Romero	Terry Allen
3—Tommy Campbell	Jackie Graves	Memo Valero	Dado Marino
4—Arthur King	Tirso delRosario	David Kui Kong Young	Louis Skena
5—Carlos Chavez	Eddie Miller	Jackie Paterson	Black Pico
6—Paddy DeMarco	Johnny Molloy	Danny O'Sullivan	Al Chavez
7—Pierre Montane	Elis Ask	Stan Rowan	Emile Famechon
8—Sonny Boy West	Eddie Compo	Guido Ferracin	Norman Tennant
9—Johnny Williams	Henry Davis	Theo Medina	Charley Squire
10—Del Flanagan	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Galvani	Honore Pratesi

stopping Robert Charron, 15. Laurent Dauthuille outpointed Ralph Zannelli, 10. Toby Reid whipped Dave Meredith, 10. Beating Bob Murphy K.O.'ed Gene Loughridge, 7, and Bob Ward, 8.

Al Priest defeated Mickey Doyle, 10. Jose Basora decisioned Jimmy Curl, 10. Earl Turner whipped Clyde Coykis, 10. James Flood K.O.'ed Jim Snedeker, 4, and then beat him in 8. Joe DeJohn knocked out Lou Valles, 1, and Oswaldo Silva, 3. Anton Raadik decisioned Eddie O'Neill, 8. Bobby Mann boxed rings around Gene Hairston to take an eight-rounder. Curtis Moore shaded Cecil Hudson, 10. J. T. Ross stopped Don Lee, 8, Walter Cartier also K.O.'ed Lee in 8. Gene Boland stopped Henry Holt, 5. Jim Leslie won from Lenny Trader, 6. Jimmy Herring stopped Tony Rose, 6. Veteran Coley Welch halted Al Couture, 3, and outpointed Bob Davis, 10.

Joe DiMartino bested Chico Pacheco, 8. Bill Daley knocked out Vinnie Cidone, 5. Joe Danos stopped Howell Steen, 7, but lost to Tony Riccio, 10. Andy DePaul defeated Roger Muriel, 8. Joe Blackwood won from Hayward Warnum, 10, and K.O.'ed Chet Vince, 1. Billy Stevens edged out Jimmy Ingle, 8. Alex Buxton halted Chris Adcock, 5. Smuggy Hursey dropped a ten-rounder to Ken Stribling. Phil Roderique shaded Eddie Reed, 8. Roger Whynott bested Bob Davis, 8. Dave Green chilled Al Jones, 1. Jimmy Edwards K.O.'ed Gerald Maher, 1. Jimmy Lee nodded Bobby Brown, 6. Tommy Varsos laced Buddy Jackson, 8, and stopped Mike Santonino, 3. Jimmy Walters decisioned Terry Wagner, 6.

Van Butler drew with Primos Cutler, 6. Jimmy Beau iced George Clark, 1, and Sidney Miller, 4. Mickey McGuire drew with Lou Williams, 6. Bill Daley stopped Jose Contreras, 6. Ray Bryan chilled Bobby Brown, 4. Vinnie Cidone was too fast for Bobby James in 8. Tommy Varsos won from Buddy Jackson, 8. Jimmy Morton beat Pete Mucci, 6. Eddie Marno defeated Tony Johnson, 6. Norman Horton decisioned Jerome Richardson, 6, K.O.'ed Frankie Theodora, 3, and K.O.'ed Dick Callahan, 2.

Terry Wagner nodded Sam Thompson, 6, and stopped Andy Fowler, 4. Armando Amanini bested Lou Gillespie, 6, and Tommy Engelhardt, 6. Dave Green flattened Eddie Richardson, 1. Art Towne knocked out Joe Green, 5. Ernie Genell chilled Eddie Perkins, 2. Carmine Vitale won from Jimmy Taylor, 6. Tony Masciarelli stopped Bobby Lakin, 3. Hurley Sanders won from Tommy Engelhardt, 6, and Billy Gillespie, 8. Al Renshaw whipped Hurley Sanders, 4, and Nat Blum, 6. Bobby Tighe defeated Mike Azadian, 6. Bobby Morgan stopped Harold Alle, 5. Ray Cruz beat Jerry Tell, 4.

European Champion Cyrille Delannoit outpointed Mickey Laurent, 10. Randolph Turpin credited with kayo over Jackie Jones, 5.

Danny Boy Williams chilled Billy Kelly, 1. Billy Corbett nodded Roddy McDonald, 10. Charley Angelee outpointed Frankie Cordino, 6.

Joe Rindone upset Pete Mead, 10. Jackie Burke halted Toby Reid, 7.

Coley Welch stopped Al Couture, 6. J. T. Ross halted Randy Brown, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Champion Ray Robinson knocked out Gene Buffalo in one round (non-title). Charley Salas outpointed Willie Jenkins, 10. Hank Herring beat Rudy Davilla, 10. Jeff Tite flattened Cyril Wills and Glen Pitman in one round each.

Gwyn Williams stopped Ric Sanders, 1. Dutch Champion Giel de Roode outpointed Pierre le Mentec, 10. Sonny Luciano beat Mel Goldsmith, 4. Angelo Morganti drew with Joey Carkido, 8.

Kid Gavilan edged out the lightweight king Ike Williams in 10 fast heats. Freddie Dawson, coming in as a welterweight, scored an astounding upset when he stopped Bernard Docusen in the sixth round. Beau Jack won all the way from Jackie Weber in 10. Vince Foster decisioned Phil Burton, 10. Jackie Wilson knocked out Tommy Bell, 9. Gene Burton won a decision over Verne Lester, 8, and Charley Williams, 8. Williams outclassed Oswaldo Silvo, 10. The Robert Takeshita-Rudy Cruz bout was declared no-contest in 8 rounds. Eddie Thomas upset Billy Graham, 10.

Fitzie Pruden stopped Joey Belfiore, 7, but lost to clever Billy Graham, 10. Jesse Flores bested Art Sota, 10, and Joe Rocha, 10. Otis Graham laced Chico Pacheco, 8. Henry Hall defeated Tony Janiro, 10. George Ross knocked out Joe Pyle, 3. Johnny Kaufman stopped George LaRover, 4, and Ted Bussey, 5. Don Williams knocked out Jackit Lovatt, 8, and decisioned LeRoy Andrews, 10. Bobby Dkyes shaded Al Hersh, 10. Joe Curcio outpointed Joe Martino, 8. Paddy Young nodded Russell Howard, 8. Cliff Hart outpointed Jimmy Sanders, 10. Chuck Taylor edged Cosby Linson, 10. Fritzie Zivic whipped Eddie Steele, 10.

Chico Varona stopped Primos Cutler, 2. Ross Virgo decisioned Chester Rico, 8. Mike De Cosmo outscored Milton Lattimore, 8. Mitchell Allen thrashed Arthur Harris, 6. Johnny Britenbruck chilled Tommy Ciarlo, 4. Tommy Warnock bested Willie Serrano, 6. Paddy Young knocked out Frankie Palermo, 8. Ric Sanders outfought Harry Lazar, 8. Phil Kim stopped ChuChu Ruiz, 7. Mario Marino laced Mel Williams, 6, but lost to Paul O'Hara, 8. Jackie Wilson outpointed Lucky Jordan, 8. Joe Trofe stopped Billy Wyatt, 3. John LaBroi bested Jesse Underwood, 8. Johnny Bernardo outpointed Milt Marant, 6. Don Ellis decisioned Al Mobley, 8. Joey Barnum beat Mario Trigo, 10. Dave Andrews defeated Chuck Taylor, 10.

Ernie Durando knocked out Johnny Crosby, 1. Lefty LaChance won from Eddie Bolduc, 8. Joe Brewer whipped Emmett Norris, 8. Red Perkins bested Pat Shannon, 10. Gene LeBlanc won over Tony Ducharme, 8. Al Guido outpointed Dave Andrews, 8. Roy Andrews dropped a four-rounder to Harold Alle. Frank Fisher nodded Bill Chappy, 4. Sonny Luciano K.O.'ed Felix Collazzo, 3. Tom Engelhardt decisioned James McGint, 6. Lou Russo beat John Sabor, 6. Billy Paul bested Rocky DeCiantis, 6. Billy Gillespie took the measure of John Darby, 8. Malcolm Gaines knocked out Angelo Marino, 3. Ginger Stewart outfought Ken Page, 8. Gene Salisbury stopped Lenny Durham, 3, and beat Country Sherman, 6. Speedy Lawrence K.O.'ed Whitman Dorch, 6.

Chico Roderick outfought Charlie Spicer, 6. Gene Landers chilled Tommy Chamberlain, 1. Tiger Flowers flattened Mickey Lane, 2. Sonny Luciano knocked out Felix Colazzo, 3, and Bill Chappy, 2. Tony Baldoni drew with Emmett Norris, 10. Joe Miceli decisioned John LaRusso, 8, and stopped Willie Beltram, 5. Wilfredo Miro lost to Billy Wade, 8. Joey Varoff beat Carlin Scott, 6. Al Caprio stopped James Suber, 3, but Al was halted by Carlin Scott, 5. Vito Iacobellis bested James Conroy, 4. Benny Evans decisioned Young Amado, 10. Bill Feeney stopped Pat Smith, 3. Dick Armstrong decisioned Frankie Fisher, 4. Red Perkins defeated Tony Ducharme, 10. John Darby lost to Roger Donahue, 6.

Mike DeCosmo drew with Ernie Durando, 8. Larry Johnson beat Jim Nickers, 4. Joe Petrovich flattened Robert Miller, 4. Bobby Miller K.O.'ed Kenny Clark, 2. Ralph Giordano beat Charley Maddox, 4. Mel Goldsmith chilled George Soifakis, 1. Freddie Menna whipped Ray Solomon, 8. Lefty LaChance nodded Eddie Bolduc, 8. Jim Nickers drew with Jimmy Burgos, 4. Mike Kobella outpointed Eddie Ocasio, 8. Al Wilson stopped Dave Peters, 2. Gene Salisbury decisioned Joe Martino, 8.

Johnny Cesario was upset by Otis Graham, 10. Jack Boderone drew with Art McKenzie, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ike Williams, the champion, thrashed Johnny Bratton in a ten-round non-title bout. Enrique Bolanos stopped Bolton Ford, 8. Former Kingpin Lew Jenkins knocked out Rene Camacho in 2, and stopped Chuck Burton, 9. Maxie Docusen laced Pee Wee Swingler, 10. Classy James Carter ruined the New York debut of Harold Jones by taking a ten-round verdict. Jones came back to halt Johnny Chatmon, 3. Carter also outpointed Talmadge Bussey, 10. Sal Bartolo stopped Bobby English, 10, and whipped Paulie Jackson, 10. Dennis Pat Brady outdanced Lou Alter, 10.

Sonny Boy West beat Eduardo Carrasco, 10, and Johnny Williams, 10. Art Aragon flattened ChuChu Ruiz, 2. Solly Cantor edged out Tommy McGovern, 8. Paddy DeMarco outroughed Humberto Sierra, 10. Ben Duffy outpointed Reg Quinlan, 10. Tony LaBua beat Jay White, 8. Orlando Zulueta shaded Lou Joyce, 6. John L. Davis bested Irvin Steen, 10. Billy Murphy stopped Lou Castrilli, 3, and beat Jimmy Watkins, 8. Keith Nuttall drew with Babe Herman, 10, and beat Gil Napier, 10. Archie Whitewater chilled Baby Picazi, 2. George LaFalgio stopped Danny Martin, 5. Nick Diaz beat Tommy Vargas, 8. Buddy Garcia outpointed Johnny Dabbs, 10. Tim Dalton beat Art Andrews, 8.

Calvin Leigh K.O.'ed Cabey Lewis, 8. Bobby English knocked out Gene LeBlanc, 6. Buddy Garcia beat Gordon House, 10. Joey Fredda whipped Manuel Dizon, 6. John LaBroi stopped Del Cockayne, 6. Jimmy Warren whipped Freddie Monforte, 8. Bruno Lijoi chilled Joe Greaves, 2. Bob Campbell bested Lou Quiles, 4. Keith Hamilton drew with Freddie Russo, 10, but lost to Eddie Bertolino, 10. Bertolino knocked out Anthony Arnone, 8. Percy Paris whipped Nero Ferry, 8. Jimmy Collins beat Harry LaSane, 8. Dino Bleta won from Julie Kogan, 10. Danny McCall beat Bill Stevens, 6. Danny Collette outlasted Jimmy Nickers, 6. Hermie Freeman lost to Eduardo Carrasco, 10. Al Rojas K.O.'ed Frank Harris, 2, but lost to Ozzie Andrews, 6. Willie Leo whipped Lloyd Hudson, 10. Walter Haines halted Mario Coll, 6.

Billy Murphy decisioned Manuel Dizon, 6. Tony Rotondo bested Larry Cohen, 4. Paddy Dowdall stopped Dick Levers, 4. Bobby Lloyd defeated Harvey Griffin, 6. Ray Lewis drew with Woody Winslow, 8. Emmy Tucci halted Henry McIntosh, 5. Charley Donovan lost to Just Johnson, 6. Larry Mujica whipped Nick Darby, 6. Freddie Smith halted Stanley Hillard, 4. Ernie Parker beat Danny McCall, 6. Leo Molito won over Paulie Jackson, 8. Jack Hassen defeated Tommy Stenhouse, 12. Jimmy Corti bested Herbie Johnson, 8.

Scottish Champion Harry Hughes stopped Cliff Curvis, 5. Leon LeBland outpointed Willie Leo, 8. George Daly outboxed Al Wilburn, 8.

Tommy Barnham decisioned Emmet Kenny, 8. Hal Bagwell stopped Freddie Smith, 6. Del Flanagan knocked out Walter Kolby, 4. Larry Mujica beat Nick Darby 4. Hermie Freeman beat Barry Wood, 10.

Leo Milito nodded Harry Diduck, 8. Dennis Pat Brady was a winner over Ted Davis, 10.

Jimmy Collins took Clem Custer, 10. Biff Jones decisioned Johnny Johniken, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Willie Pep regained the world featherweight title by defeating Sandy Saddler in 15 rounds. European Champion Raymond Famechon outpointed Johnny Molloy, 10. Tony Lombard starched Eric Powell, 3. Eddie Compo won over Eduardo Carrasco, 8.

Ray Fitton outboxed Tommy Davies, 8. Kid Tanner flattened Johnny Barnes, 7. Bout between Tanner and Black Bond called "no-contest," 8. Corky Gonzales beat Proctor Heinold, 8. Bert Jackson drew with Stan Gossip, 8.

Selwyn Evans shaded Len Davies, 8. Jackie Turpin squeezed through a close decision over Eddie Dumazel, 8. Percy Bassett whipped Archie Wilmer, 8. Timothy Hayes knocked out Andy Bishop, 5. Mickey Young won over John Lemons, 6.

Harold Dade was a victor over Joey Clemo, 10. Willie Pep decisioned Teddy Davis, 10, and Davis went on to stop Mel Neary, 5. Charley Riley nodded Chico Rosa, 10. Lauro Salas stopped Ramon Ruiz, 9. Elis Ask outpointed Roger Bruneau, 10. Jackie Graves stopped Eddie Marotta, 4, Percy Bassett edged Brown Lee, 10. Glen Flanagan halted George Markos, 6. Jimmy Collins made it two in a row over Harry LaSane, 10. Timothy Hayes chilled Alfredo Pescatore, 1, but lost to Steve Marcello, 10. Manny Ortega defeated Sonny Gomez, 10. Reuben Garcia stopped Pancho Uribe, 8.

Paul Roach outpointed Mario Rucci, 8. Charley Cabey Lewis nodded George Dunn, 10. Johnny Lemons defeated Murray Levine, 6. Leo LeBrun whipped Jimmy Cioper, 10, Danny Petro K.O.'ed Charley Green, 2. Percy Paris edged Edgar Gallent, 10. Henry Schillizzi beat Billy Lima, 10. Murray Levine stopped Johnny Lemons, 3, and beat Cliff Bordies, 6. Tito Valles shaded Danny Martin, 8. Eddie Marotta won from Charley Baxter, 8. Richard Crump beat Sammy Sanchez, 4. Cosmo Greco drew with Johnny Dash, 6. Rocky Fusco beat Johnny Graham, 4, and drew with Russ Davis, 6. Jock Bonas decisioned Bert Jordan, 8, stopped Morty Kelleher, 2, and outpointed Black Bond, 8. Manuel Baptista beat Henry Reyes, 4. Tommy Bailey outpointed Jim McCann, 10.

Corky Gonzales outclassed Ron Cannon, 6. Tony Longo whipped Billy Banks, 6. Eddie Freeman stopped Stanley Russ, 2. Jackie Turpin outpointed Danny Nagle, 8. Tomas Beato laced Billy Gillard, 6. Freddie Herman won from Paul Jones, 4. Roy Rogers beat Benny Smith, 8. Jimmy Gooding outpointed Sonny Gomez, 10. Marvin Dick nodded Joe Gamby, 6. Lou Ramos whipped Stan Hartman, 10. Lee Bohles stopped Castro Calderon, 5.

Gilbert Gomez defeated Murray Levine, 6. Max Osario outpointed Vito Celentano, 4. Felix Ramirez drew with Jose Cardenas, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Luis Castillo defeated Rudolfo Villa, 10. Ronnie Draper shaded Jimmy Green, 8. Danny O'Sullivan edged out Len Shaw, 8. European Champion Guido Ferracin retired in the fifth round of his bout with Danny O'Sullivan (non-title). Bobby Boland outpointed Lucien Filieuxe, 8. Hector Martinez won from Val Valentine, 8. Jimmy Webster drew with Arthur Gould 8. Len Shaw edged out Laurie Morrow, 8. Jim Watkins lost to Wilfred Dancrosse, 6. Ken Diston outpointed Mickey Jones, 6.

Stan Rowan outfought Italian Champion Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Irish Champion Eddie (Bunty) Doran decisioned French Champion Theo Medina, 10. Mickey McKay won on disqualification over Danny O'Sullivan, 3, but retired with injured hand in fourth round with Johnny Boom.

Jackie Bryce outpointed Johnny Collins, 8. Gus Foran edged out close verdict over Swiss Featherweight Champion Sigi Tennenbaum, 10. Jimmy Stewart drew with Len Shaw.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Rinty Monaghan dropped a ten-round decision to Terry Allen in a non-title go. Allen also ouscored Dickie O'Sullivan in 12. Scottish Champion Norman Tennant flattened Nazzareno Ginannelli, 2. Peter Keenan outoutpunched Jimmy Gill, 8. Pat McNally decisioned Eddie Fitzsimmons, 8.

French Champion Louis Skena flattened Jackie Briers, 4. Jackie Foster outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, 8. Peter Keenan stopped Johnny Bartles, 5.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.

Light-Heavyweight—Paddy Slavin, Ireland.

Middleweight—Frankie Daniels, Bakersfield, Calif.

Welterweight—Johnny Paoletti, Akron, Ohio.

Lightweight—Marias Fenoy, Spain.

Featherweight—Kenny Adams, Norwich, Conn.

Bantamweight—Polaco Lopez, Havana, Cuba.

Flyweight—Tim Ramos, Philippine Islands.

Letters From Our Readers

I AM writing in connection of the alleged rabbit punches used by the world cruiserweight champion, Freddie Mills, in his battle with the S.A. heavyweight champion, Johnny Ralph, which was fought at the Wembley Stadium, Johannesburg, recently.

As the fight films were shown as proof, I went along to see Mills and his rabbit punches.

The first round in which I saw him use this illegal blow was the fourth, and from thereon he used it about three to four times in each session.

He started the punch from his right side (it was never a left hand blow), and swinging awkwardly, hit Ralph on the side of the neck, just beneath the ear, sliding round to the spine. These were powerful punches (no wonder Ralph could hardly hear, and complained of a pain in the neck after the fight), and nobody can tell me these were not intentional.

Mills used this blow effectively in the sixth round when, after flooring Ralph with a right to the jaw, he slammed home the illegal blow, flooring the South African again.

I'm not squealing nor am I putting the full blame on Mills (the referee should have warned or disqualified him), but I'm just writing to you and the readers of your excellent magazine, to inform them that Mills's knockout of Ralph was not all sweet and honey and clean.

However, there is no use crying over spilt milk, and I predict a knockout victory for Johnny when he trades punches with Bruce Woodcock in January.

A recent news item that appeared in the newspapers out here, stated that Nat Fleischer said he had been severely reprimanded by several South Africans for not having included Ralph among the top men of boxing.

Your answer Mr. Fleischer was perfectly true, that South Africans had been bamboozled by United States agents who have picked has-beens who were willing to come to this country to try a come-back, but what about the case of the Austrian, Jo Weidin, who in the October, 1948, issue of THE RING was ranked seventh best heavyweight in the world.

Who has Weidin met to warrant such ranking? Stephane Olek, Enrico Bertola and Alf Brown. Also a decision over the S.A. Phil van Niekerk in five rounds, Phil taking the full count.

Ralph has beaten Olek, with his right hand injured, and stopped Ken Shaw, who is rated over Alf Brown as Britain's No. 3 heavyweight.

Ralph would only need one round in which to dispose of Van Niekerk, who is rated No. 4 out here. Johnny has stopped Kukard in three rounds, and Jack has kayoed Van Niekirk in two sessions, another point, how many heavyweights today would last eight rounds with the hard-punching Mills, especially with the rabbit punch thrown in? Lesnevich was badly cut up after 15 sessions, and he was being built up for a bout with Joe Louis.

Now, Nat, be fair, when you get ready to rank the first ten in each division again, please consider Ralph, who deserves at least, tenth ranking.

B. BLEWETT,
Durban, Natal, South Africa.

You are mistaken in re the rabbit punch. A rabbit punch, the same as a kidney blow, is not a foul punch when landed while the action is on. They are fouls only when landed on an opponent while holding him with one hand and battering away with the other or while striking the opponent from behind, in which case it may be regarded as an intentional punch. So long as the action is free no foul is involved and judging by your letter, Mills was not guilty at any time of intentional fouling. It was up to Ralph to defend himself.

If a fighter turns his head to avoid a punch intended for the face that eventually lands behind the ear, or turns his side to avoid a punch that eventually lands in the kidneys when aimed for the stomach, as was the case when Schmeling complained of being fouled by Joe Louis, no foul is involved.

As for rating Weidin in two issues, he was entitled at the time to such rating due to lack of good heavyweight talent elsewhere and the fact that in Europe the Austrian had defeated several good men. When he lost in America he was removed from the ratings. As for Ralph, he fought three tough battles with Alf Gallagher who you will recall, was knocked out by a middleweight, Dave Sands, in three rounds in Australia. Do you still think Ralph deserves to be rated tenth?—Editor's Note

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I HAVE read every issue of your magazine for the last four years and I was greatly impressed with the articles by Dempsey and Tunney on "What's Wrong with Boxing." As a former preliminary club fighter in the small towns of New England, I may have a few factors that they did not consider.

First, there are the "home-town-decisions." It's almost an impossibility to outpoint an opponent in his own backyard in New England or its immediate vicinity.

Second. In four and six round fights here, you must take three rounds of the former and four rounds of the latter to get a verdict. If your opponent shows up well in the closing rounds, he invariably gets a draw even if whipped in all other frames.

And finally I think the greatest fault rests with those adorable individuals whom the pugs try so hard to please, the boxing fans, who are heavy bettors and are partial to the man they are supporting. Then again all they want is a slugging match.

Why spend a lot of time becoming a polished boxer when the crowd-pleasing slugger is always in demand and collecting the heavy chips, as for example, Hank Armstrong, Beau Jack, Rocky Graziano. The fans want blood and mayhem. They want to see two tigers in action, with the leather flying fast and furious.

"Ole Jersey Joe Walcott" contends that the referee's warnings for more action caused him to change his style and thus be knocked cold by Champion Joe Louis.

Wasn't the referee's warning prompted by the fans clamoring for some blood and thunder? It is significant to add that Walcott was ahead when the knockout occurred.

So I think that the lack of boxing talent is the unconscious reaction of managers, trainers and fighters alike—to please the paying patrons. A cool, methodical boxer with highly skilled offensive and defensive maneuvers may be what the minority of experts would like to see, but the majority of fight fans go for the triphammer, windmill school—the boys with the soporific punch.

HENRY HUBBARD,
Atlanta, Ga.

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THE one great highlight of the month, apart from the day my salary becomes due, is the arrival of THE RING. Last month I sat hopefully waiting, with all the British calm and reserve that you Americans love to attribute to us Limeys, through the dock strike with the "Queen Elizabeth" and "Queen Mary" tied up, thinking maybe Nat might send some by airmail. But no RING bounced off the doormat. December came and still I hoped and at last today I got THE RING, but the January number.

Now I don't know what happened to the December copy, my calm has deserted me and I'm despondent. If you have sent one, I didn't get it. Please send another. I have them bound yearly and I just can't offer eleven copies to my printer; it's not the same. This is a third alarm call—don't fail me. I can't take it.

I smoke, but I don't mind being short of cigarettes. I eat, but I don't mind being short of bacon. I read, but, oh brother, I do mind being short of THE RING.

Ask yourself how you would feel if you sailed in to New York and found the Statue of Liberty was missing. It shouldn't happen to a dog. Don't let it happen to me. Send me the December RING, please.

VICTOR R. LILLIE,
Leamington, Warwickshire,
England.

NEW FACES

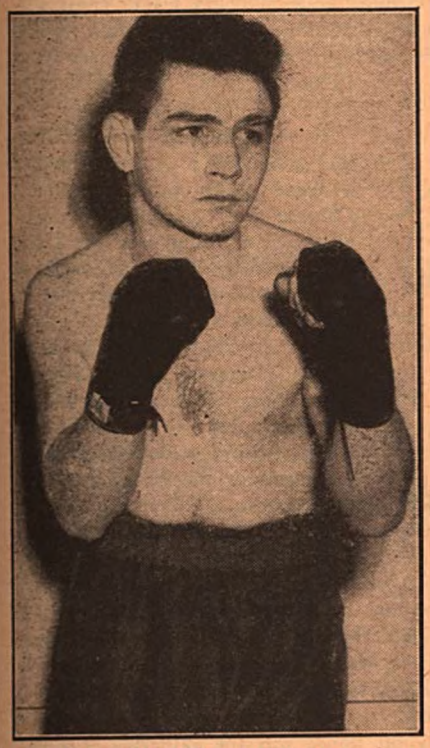
By NAT LOUBET

JOE MICELI

JOE MICELI, a 20-year-old Italian-American, the product of New York's lower East Side, is a fighter of a different mold than those who usually ply the cauliflower trade.

Coming from a neighborhood that has given to boxing stars like Johnny Dundee, Andy Thomas, Packey and Jimmy O'Gatty, Leach Cross, Benny Leonard, Sid Terris and Ruby Goldstein, to mention but a few, Joe is a throwback to these leather swappers. In one year he has engaged in 19 scraps, an unusual record in this era of boxing.

But Miceli differs from those gladiators of the past in that he shares his love of boxing with his thoughts of a future in the business world and is using the proceeds gained from his pugilistic career to further his formal education. Eventually Joe aspires to become a mouthpiece. Of course, he also hopes to make his mark in boxing.



Johnny Paoletti, an undefeated lightweight from Akron, O.

His hobby? The youngster spends his leisure time delving into the classics, and on each of his birthdays he reads a complete book.

The Italian youth entered the amateur ranks for the first time in October of 1947 and by the time he had turned pro had won 16 straight, 12 via the knockout route.

Bobby Nelson, his manager, visions big things for his charge.

Miceli pulled an upset in his last bout by knocking out experienced Willie Beltram in 5 heats.

Joe Miceli, a welterweight from Gotham's East Side.

LOU RUSSO

LOU RUSSO, Astoria, L. I., welterweight, had a few amateur bouts under his belt before he entered the professional ranks last January. A constant performer in New York clubs, Lou has been pleasing the fans with his two-fisted attack.

Only twice since his advent into the "pay sockeroo" has Russo fought in other than New York rings.

He journeyed to Jamaica last February to cop a four from Lou Owens and then last October trekked over to Brooklyn, where he lost to Vince Marzac for the second defeat in his pro career. His first loss had been at the hands of Jim Nickers, which since has been reversed.

Bobby Jenkins, a heavyweight from Hutchinson, Kan.

At this writing Lou has had 14 fights, lost but two, and has been held to a draw once.

Russo is an all-around athlete, who, at the age of 21, has had several major league baseball clubs scout him. He may yet wear the garb of a Class "A" ball club.

Regardless of whether he makes the grade in baseball or not, reports show that he is a good prospect as a beak basher.

Russo is managed by Frankie Jacobs.

Astoria, Long Island's, contribution to the welterweight ranks is Lou Russo.

JOHNNY PAOLETTI

JOHNNY PAOLETTI, a 19-year-old lightweight, is the newest youngster to come out of Akron, O. He looks like a promising lad with a flare for pleasing the fans. Thus far he has won eight straight in his professional career.

In the amateurs, Paoletti established a record that speaks for itself. He won 84 out of 90 and won the Akron Golden Gloves in 1947 and 1948.

He is co-managed by Don Hale and Jim Rice.

BOBBY JENKINS

BOBBY JENKINS, a heavyweight from Hutchinson, Kan., is 21 years old and a product of the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where the youngster has been stationed.

Bobby is an aggressive slugger, who gives the fans their money's worth. He has won his first three bouts in the pros and may develop into a prospect if he continues to improve as much as he has since he began tossing gloves in the amateurs.

Jenkins is under the watchful eyes of "Pop" Collins, who was quite a campaigner in the fistic world around the early 30's.

INDIAN SIGN EXPERIENCE

DURING Jack Dempsey's climb to championship honors he had something of the Indian sign experience with Willie Meehan which characterized the mixing of Dixon and the Kentucky Rosebud. Not that Meehan ever slipped a kayo on Jack, but the former assuredly set the trouble-pot boiling plenty for the Manassa Mauler.

Willie was a fat boy, game and enduring, not in the top-flight of pugdom, but hard to hurt, and winner over a good many worthwhile leather-pushers. By any standard of comparison he should have been easy for Dempsey, yet he was anything but that. He surprised Jack by winning a four-round decision over him in San Francisco on September 14, 1918, having drawn with the future heavyweight champion over the same distance the preceding year. They also fought four rounds in which Dempsey was declared winner.

Great Moments in Ring History

By NAT FLEISCHER

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THE late Billy McCarney, a specialist in barnstorming trips, was handling one for Jack Dempsey and Jack Kearns. It was his business to go around the country and pick live spots and furnish the sparring mates for Dempsey. The Manassa Mauler was rough on his sparring partners and seldom did one remain for more than a few days at most. More than once the tour suffered because of the lack of good men.

Dempsey was in Syracuse and McCarney was in Montreal, where he was preparing for the Dempsey invasion when word was flashed to the professor by Jack Kearns that he must have one good man immediately as Dempsey was short of spar mates. There was no one in Montreal who could stand the gaff against Dempsey and McCarney, after hustling around the city without finding a man to fill the bill, strolled along until he spotted a pub and went in for some refreshments.

Into the tavern walked a rough customer, Jack Sullivan, a local fighter, who had a chip on his shoulder and didn't mind if the world knew that he was a professional. McCarney had never heard of him nor had the boisterous Sullivan ever heard of the newcomer, Jack Dempsey.

"Boil down," said McCarney to Sullivan as he kept up a constant line of gab on his greatness.

"You're not looking for trouble, are you?" answered Sullivan.

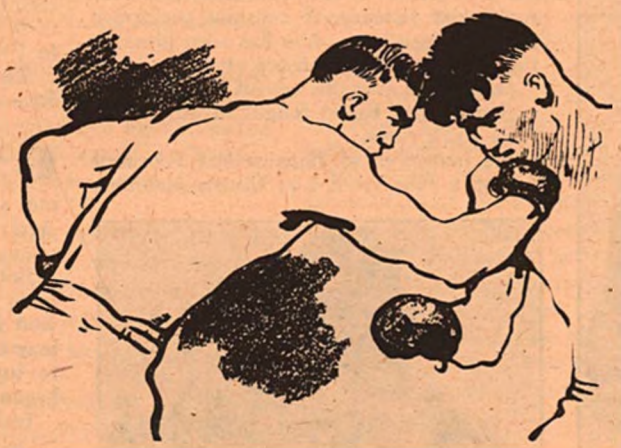
"No, I'm just looking for a good fighter who is willing to make himself $75 a week easily and see America. I don't know but you're the very man. Shake and let's have a drink."

This line of talk curbed the aggressive Sullivan. It worked.

"Doing what?" asked Sullivan.

"Oh, just sparring with a young kid who has some vaudeville engagements and needs a sparring partner. His name is Jack Dempsey. All you'll have to do is spar twice a day, two, two-minute rounds."

Sullivan became interested. He agreed to go with McCarney.



The scene now shifts to Syracuse where Dempsey and Kearns were stopping for four days. The day after their arrival, Sullivan donned the gloves and made his first appearance in an American ring.

Turning to McCarney, Sullivan, weighing more than 200 pounds, remarked:

"I don't want to hurt the kid. I'm a tough hombre. When I hit 'em, they feel it."

McCarney, without batting an eyelash, in his usual soft, mild voice, replied:

"Glad you tipped me off, pal. Just be gentle with him. You know, it's only a sparring match. Don't try to kill him."

The gong sounded, Dempsey, as in the Willard fight, tore out of his corner, crouched, swung his right and it caught Sullivan squarely between the eyes. Both puffed to the size of an egg. He dropped like a log and the fight was over.

The next day, he couldn't see. His eyes were shut tightly. Three days later, McCarney, just before leaving the city, went to the hotel where Sullivan was resting, to pay him off.

Holding the lids of his swollen eyes open with his fingers, Sullivan peeped at McCarney and angrily announced his retirement.

"I don't want any more of that fellow. Just get me back to Canada. You're a damned fakir. You told me I'd see America if I went with you but I haven't seen a goldarned thing for three days now. I'm through. Get some other sucker to take those wallops."

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DURING the last war and for many months after it was over, Benny Leonard and I frequently visited the hospitals for war wounded in various parts of New York State where we showed fight pictures, told stories on boxing and usually followed these with a quiz period in which Benny and I answered questions that were fired at us. While the fight film held the attention of the boys and was immensely enjoyed by them, Leonard's stories kept them in a fit of laughter. One in particular was enjoyed by the wounded. It was that of his fight with Ah Chung, the Fighting Chinaman, with whom he clashed early in his career.

"Like every fighter, I experienced a variety of strange happenings during my fighting career—some tough and others amusing," said Benny. "One of the most unusual bouts I ever engaged in was that with a Chinaman, Ah Chung. It isn't often that one sees a Chinaman in the ring, and still more rarely does one find a Chinaman who can really fight. Well, Ah Chung could!

"I was matched with him, and the promoter, in an effort to get a good gate, printed signs in Chinese and had these distributed all through Chinatown. The Tongs were at war with each other at the time, so the promoter thought out a plan of having part of the throwaways tell of the prowess of Ah Chung as one of the Hip Sing Tongs and another set, to be distributed to the On Leong Tongs Society telling of the fighting deeds of Ah Chung as one of their boys.

"Well, the plan worked wonders! On the night of the fight the arena was packed with the Tongs out in full force and the detectives from Police Headquarters and the Homicide Squad on the job in case of emergency. Imagine how I felt when I entered the ring and saw to the right of me, Chinese; to the left of me, Chinese; to the front and to the rear, Chinese!

"It seemed that the whole house was the gathering place that night of the rival tongs and what finer spot could be found than this for them to release their artillery in a pitched battle!

"The Mayor of Chinatown was among those present and to him the Chief Inspector of the Police Department made a plea to ask all hands among the rival Tongs to call a truce for the night or the fight would have to be called off. This was done and the battle got under way.

"In the opening round, I started to find Chung an easy target and decided, if possible, to end the bout quickly because I still had visions of the hatchetmen getting busy despite the police vigilance.

"In the second round I feinted him, and as he drew close to me I unhooked a right swing and he ducked. My blow landed with force on his head and I felt a crack. I had injured my hand.

"Now I had to make a quick end of our mill or I'd be licked, I thought, and went after him, using all the time my left. The noise was deafening. The shrieks of that mob could be

heard a block away.

"Ah Chung was in a bad way and the spectators seemed to be yelling at me because I was giving him a shellacking. This continued through the fourth and fifth rounds and in the sixth I nailed him against the ropes and his knees sagged. But he was a good, game boy and wouldn't give in.

"Suddenly I saw red as a number of tough looking Chinese quit their seats near the ringside and started to come toward the ring. It didn't seem as if they were up to any good mission, and glancing to my corner, I noticed Martin Sheridan, famed New York detective and Olympic athlete, with several of his men coming down the aisle. Then I knew for sure that something was up.

"Quickly I turned to Ah Chung, set myself for a kayo wallop, let go my right and down he sank like a fallen log. The referee didn't have to count. The bout was over and he so motioned.

"I didn't wait for the rest of the ceremonies. I leaped over the ropes, raced down to my dressing room, didn't even take time out for a shower and was out of the arena ten minutes after the knockout.

"The next morning the papers carried the headlines:

"'Three members of the rival Tong societies killed and eleven wounded in shooting fray following their truce at Leonard-Ah Chung fight. Leonard scores knockout; detectives score many arrests.'"

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BENNY LEONARD never was given to braggadacio. Generally quiet and unassuming, modesty was one of his outstanding characteristics. Seldom did he offer any pre-battle statements or predictions other than that he would do his "best," and he "hopes to win."

But there probably never has been a more self-assured boxer in all ring history. Leonard knew his trade; knew it so thoroughly that almost invariably he could "call his shots," if and when the occasion warranted.

In 1919, during a tour of the Pacific Coast, Leonard boxed a handsome, colorful youngster named Joe Benjamin in San Francisco. The champion was impressed by Benjamin's form, and prevailed upon him to place his affairs in Gibson's hands, and come east.

Taking a keen personal interest in Benjamin, Leonard worked with him often in the gymnasium, giving the youngster valuable instructions in the science of boxing. He also made it a point to see that Benjamin appeared in supporting bouts on cards headlined by him.

One night Leonard was paired with Mel Coogan, a tall, rangy, clever Brooklynite, in the Fourth Regiment Armory of Jersey City. Benjamin was scheduled for the semi-final, with the veteran Tommy Tuohey of Paterson as his opponent.

Leonard stood outside his dressing room during the Benjamin-Tuohey bout, watching his protege in action. Benjamin knocked Tuohey out in the fifth round, but Leonard was disappointed with his performance.

"You made a tough fight for yourself when you didn't have to," he said to Benjamin, upon the latter's return to the dressing room. "You were throwing punches like a raw amateur, and you were hit a lot more than you should have been. Now, you watch me against Coogan. I'm going out in the first and fight just the way you did against Tuohey, and you'll see what a bum I look like."

"What about the second round, Benny?" one of his fans interpolated.

"Oh," said Leonard, casually, "it'll be all over in the second."

And it was. Coogan, a ringwise veteran who had fought most of the top lightweights of the era, and had never been knocked out, was flattened practically with one punch, a left hook to the chin.

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FROM time immemorial, one of the pet axioms of the prize ring has been, "youth will be served," but the time-honored tradition receives an awful jolt when one puts it to the acid test. When a great match is on tap, you read expert opinions as to why one boxer should win because "he has youth in his favor."

While there are many instances on record where boxers have won great battles, and even championships between 19 and 21, it is the exception rather than the rule. Benny Leonard won the lightweight crown from Freddie Welsh when Benny was only 21 and Terry McGovern whipped George Dixon for the crown when Terry was only twenty.

Pancho Villa was 22 years old when he won the flyweight championship from Jimmy Wilde. Joe Louis, at 23, was the youngest fighter to win the world heavyweight title. Mickey Walker won the welter crown from Jack Britton at the age of 21.

Among the top-notchers who had made the grade before they reached the age of 23 were such stars as Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Jimmy McLarnin, Billy Petrolle, Willie Jackson, Johnny Dundee, Lew Tendler, Sammy Mandell, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Joe Lynch, Bud Taylor, Al Davis, Steve Belloise, Mike Belloise, Fidel La Barba, Pancho Villa, Pat Comiskey, Billy Conn, Teddy Yarosz, Georgie Abrams, Georgie Latka, Jackie Wilson, Harry Jeffra and Bob Pastor, among others. Pastor made the grade at 22 and Conn at 20.

John L. Sullivan, Jim Jeffries and Jack Dempsey won the world heavyweight title at 24; Sullivan, Tommy Burns, Max Schmeling and Max Baer at 25; Jim Corbett at 26; Primo Carnera at 27; Gene Tunney at 29; Jack Johnson, Jack Sharkey and Jimmy Braddock at 30 and Bob Fitzsimmons at 35.

When a boxer has youth in his favor, he must necessarily be at a disadvantage so far as experience is concerned, and experience in the ring is far greater an asset than youth, provided, of course, the age difference is not too great. Experience means the possession, if a fighter is worth anything, of science, cleverness and ring generalship, the last named including the power to maneuver an opponent in a manner that will bring best results to the manipulator.

Experience begets science, naturally, and no matter whether a man is flashily clever like the great Jim Corbett, or his successors, Tommy Loughran, Gene Tunney, Joe Gans, Benny Leonard among others, or like the marvelous George Kid Lavigne, possesses that sterling quality technically known as "fighting cleverness," it is experience that gives it to him and that is what wins many important battles.

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FITZSIMMONS was almost 30 when he won the middleweight championship from Jack Dempsey at New Orleans; he was 35 when he won the heavyweight championship from Jim Corbett, at Carson City; he was 41 when he captured the light-heavyweight title in 20 rounds at San Francisco, from George Gardner, and to cap the climax, he was 45 years old when he met Jack Johnson, in Philadelphia.

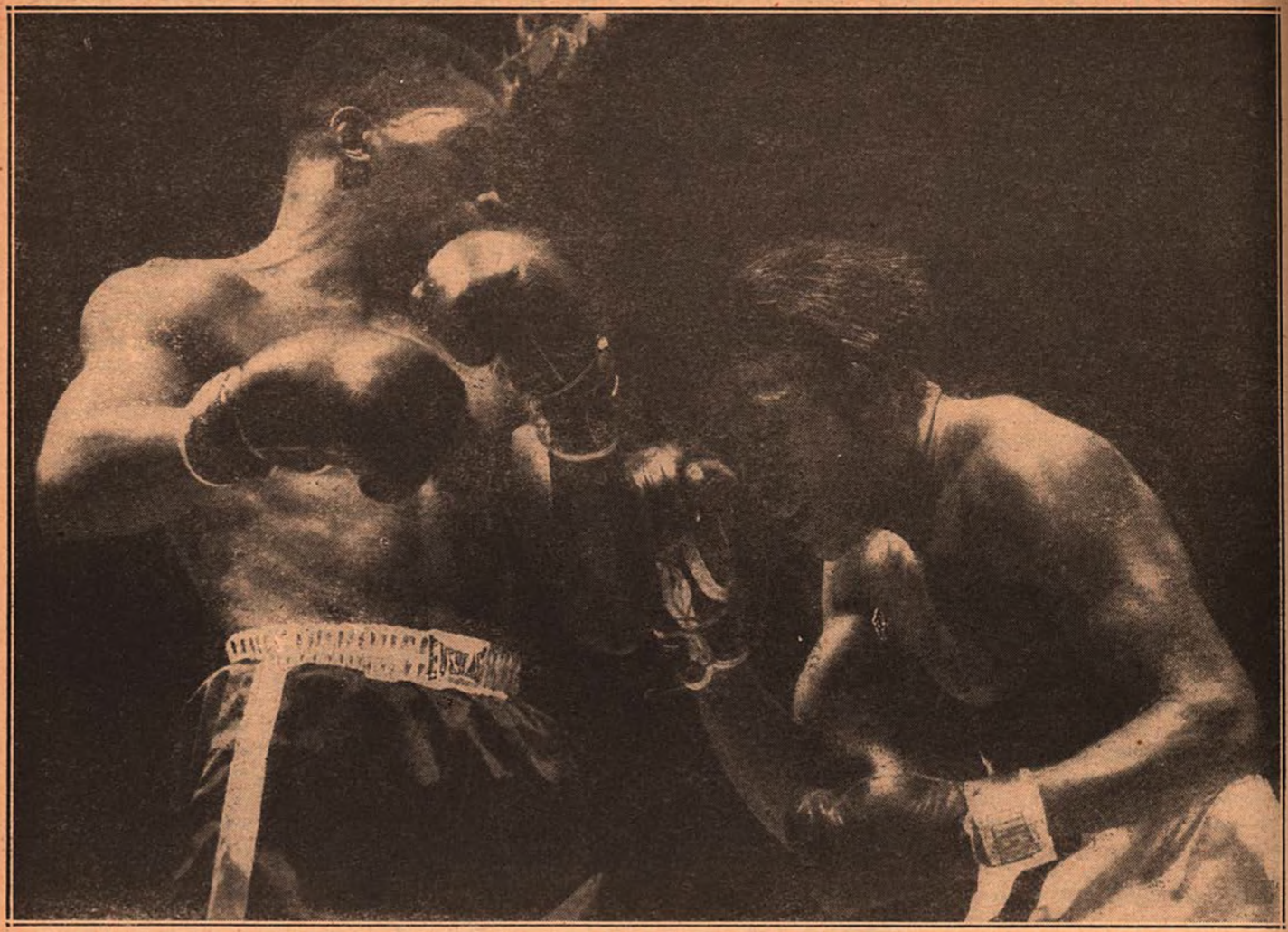
John L. Sullivan was 24 when he took the title from Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City; at 31 he defeated Kilrain, at Richburg, and when he lost the championship to Corbett, at New Orleans, the big fellow was 34.

When Jack Johnson won the championship of the world at Sydney, from Tommy Burns, he was within a month or two of his thirty-first birthday.

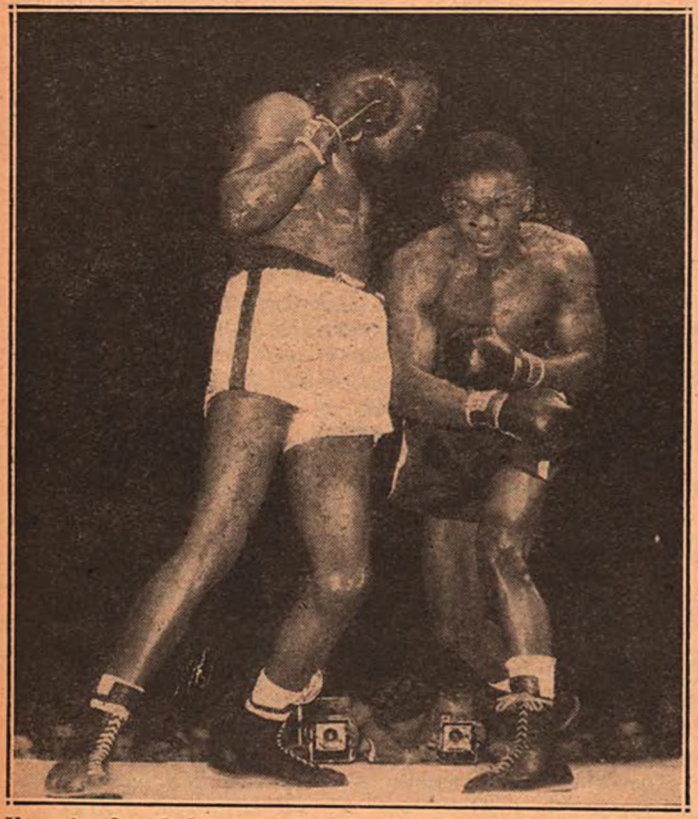
Peter Maher, the incontrovertible Irish champion, was 27 when he knocked out Paddy Slavin and Joe Choynski. He was 31 when he put Steve O'Donnell away in one round at the old Broadway A.C. He was 36 when he handed Joe Butler the sleep pellet in one round at Philadelphia, and at 39 years of age, he still was fighting.

Tom Sharkey was another who did some real fighting after he passed the juvenile stage. At 26 he fought Jeffries the toughest battle the latter ever took *(Continued on page 36)*

BOXING'S SHOT IN THE ARM



Williams blocks Gavilan's right to the body with his elbow. Ike often took the Kid's punches on shoulders and elbows, or caught them on the gloves. The champ gave a clever performance.



Ike missed with his right, but the thought of what might have happened is enough to make Gavilan's hair stand on end.

Ike Williams takes a light blow to the body as he jolts Kid Gavilan off-balance with a left to the side of the jaw.

Ruses that Worked

In Pre-Commission Days Shrewd, Tricky Managers Often Came to the Rescue of Their Charges

By THE OLD TIMER

Spider Kelly, whose "clock trick" saved his fighter from a knockout.

AL NEIL, a Western middleweight, and Young Peter Jackson were pitted against each other. They fought in old Woodward's Pavilion in San Francisco. The management employed a big time clock, much the same as there is now in Madison Square Garden. It ticked off the seconds, rang a bell at the end of three minutes of fighting and rang again when the minute's rest was over.

They didn't have "No Smoking" rules in those days, and large as it was, that clock couldn't be seen from one side of the building to the other. The Spider must have reasoned all that out as he saw Neil getting fits. He reeled and the Negro was pressing in for a knockout. Suddenly the Spider jumped up on the edge of the ring, and in his weird Irish voice, pitched to a high C now, yelled: "The clock! The clock, gentlemen! The damned time clock has STOPPED!"

This came like a crash of thunder. Every man in the place, including Young Peter Jackson, stopped, looked and listened. There was the devil to pay.

"Send for the electrician. We can't go on like this," bellowed the Spider. By this time the ring was full of busybodies, and Kelly, lifting Neil in his arms, carried him bodily to his corner. Then someone discovered that the clock was going, just as it had always gone, without a flicker. But the Spider had stolen two minutes of time that meant time.

When they got things started again, Neil was himself. He wasn't knocked out, but Spider Kelly saved him with his clock act.

Spider Kelly pulled a similar stunt in the fight between Willie Fitzgerald and Jimmy Britt. Willie Fitzgerald put Britt to the floor as dead as a door nail in the second round of their fight in 'Frisco. It was within fifteen seconds of the gong, and Spider Kelly, rushing along the ropes, grabbed the referee and began telling him that the automatic clock was stopped. The referee looked and yelled back at Kelly, who yelled and talked and yelled until the round was up. During all this time Dave Barry, in Britt's corner, was throwing water on James, soaking him with ammonia and cleaning him off. James was in great shape when the gong sounded for the next round. Kelly never again got away with that piece of trickery. The officials at all contests with which he was associated finally got wise to him.

FRANK KAVENNEY of Boston, one of three fighting brothers, was a ring trickster who created a furore every time he pulled one of his stunts to save a fighter. Frank, a pretty good lightweight, had daring that few handlers possessed. In a bout between Leslie Pierce, the clever Philadelphian, and Stanton Abbott, British star, which took place in Boston, Frank pulled one for the book.

Pierce had previously beaten Abbott in 20 rounds, the first setback the foreigner had ever received in this country. As he had come here especially to get a match with George Kid Lavigne, he demanded a return match with Pierce, whom he felt he could defeat.

The distance in the second affair was 15 rounds. Pierce, then under the management of George Touhey of Boston, a famous scribe and promoter, trained near Philadelphia, but kept Touhey advised that he was coming along all right and that he would surely repeat.

Imagine Touhey's dismay just before the men left their dressing rooms to learn that Pierce had broken both hands while training, but was going through to save the club a big loss as well as Touhey's forfeit. Touhey wanted to call the affair off, but Les pleaded so hard that Touhey reluctantly let him have his way. The hall was packed to the rafters because the brilliancy of their previous meeting indicated a beautiful contest to watch.

Just as the boxers were getting ready to go into the ring, Abbott, for some unexplained reason, demanded that if both men were on their feet a draw was to be declared. This was common at the time and was accepted by the audience.

Kavaney had charge of the corner and he carried Pierce along in such great style that scarcely anybody realized the terrible handicap he was operating under. Les kept up a semblance of attack as well as a fine piece of defensive work until in the eighth round that killing punch of the Englishman's dropped flush on Pierce's jaw and down he went dead to the world.

"Take care of him, boys," said Frank, who thereupon dove head first on the canvas in the center of the ring in one of the finest "epileptic fits" that even the professional "fit-tossers" of the period could not surpass. The spectators who packed the club were in an uproar, while Frank did his "convulsions." He was frothing at the mouth, biting and snarling, slamming and threshing about, while calls for doctors were sounding all through the hall.

Meantime those in charge of Pierce had dragged him to his corner and revived him. Doctors were working on Frank and finally calmed him to the point where he could be removed from the ring and the bout allowed to proceed, but not before he had given a sly squint at Pierce's corner and had seen that Leslie was again in good shape and in condition to proceed with the battle, which then went the full distance to a draw, thanks to Abbott's demands.

So clever was Kavaney's "fit" pulled that even those in the corner did not realize that he did it to save Pierce, and the frothing at the mouth was caused by a hurried drink of ginger ale which he took in the few seconds that passed between the time Pierce went down until Frank landed on his back on the resined canvas to startle the vast audience and to completely demoralize everybody for a period long enough to enable his principal to recover.

It was a wonderful piece of fast thinking, combined with daring, for he later remarked that he had two thoughts uppermost at the time, one of which was to delay the affair and, failing this, to save Pierce from further punishment by having the referee declare him a loser because of the invasion of the ring.

Frank got away with it the way he wanted to, but it couldn't be done today.

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NEWS of the MAT WORLD

By STANLEY WESTON

George Bothner, one of wrestling's all time greats as he looks today.

AFTER much dickering, wrestling has finally returned to Madison Square Garden after a lapse of twelve years. Bill Johnson, who for years has been one of the leading promoters in the East, will handle the promotional problems with the aid of Toots Mondt.

The promoters expressed their belief that they could sell out the huge arena, seating capacity of 18,000, for every show with a top admission charge of $7.50. They are of the opinion that wrestling's return as a Madison Square Garden attraction, was due mostly to the millions of new fans created by the medium of television.

It was well over a year ago that THE RING predicted a return of the mat sport to the most famous arena in the world, and now that prediction becomes a reality.

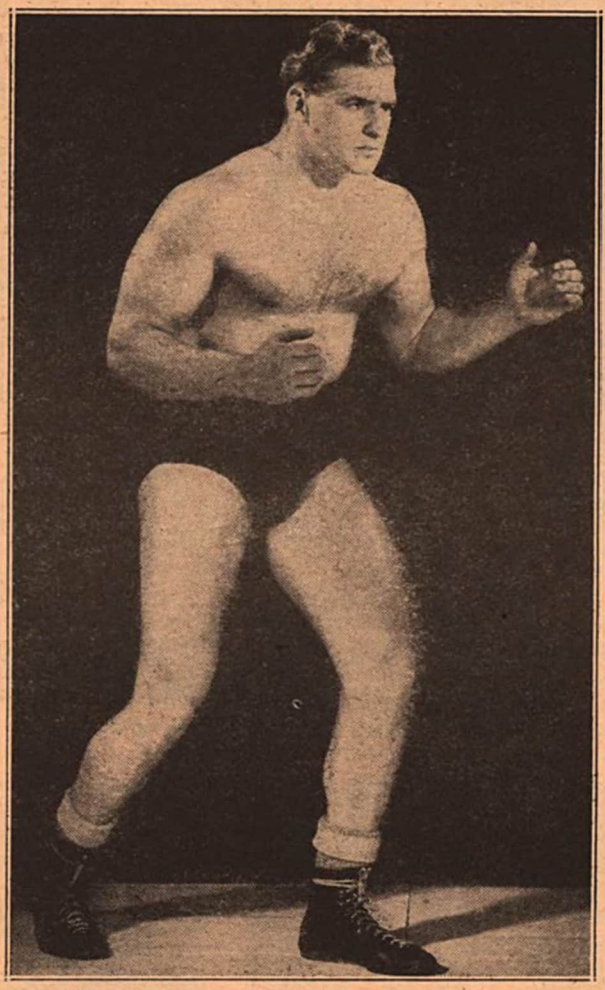
The last wrestling show presented in the House that Tex Built took place in 1937, and featured Dick Shikat and Danno O'Mahony in a title match.

Johnson and Mondt have gone after the world's leading stars and will present them in the coming Garden shows. Gorgeous George, who has never been seen in the New York City area, will be given his chance in the House that Tex Built.

Whether this new venture will prove a success, depends upon the showmanship and promotional talents of the people staging the shows. The wrestlers are the same old group that can be seen for seventy-five cents at smaller New York clubs. But wrestling fans will pay as much as $7.50 to see these same men engage in Madison Square Garden because, somehow, the arena attracts people unlike any other in America. Many fans will go to the Garden though they would not go to any other arena.

There is something about the Garden that will bring the wrestling enthusiasts out. If the admission price is within reason, wrestling fans like boxing enthusiasts are eager to attend a contest staged in the House that Tex Built.

In the golden days of the sport, fine publicity kept wrestling in the spotlight. Newspapers were covered with life stories and other human interest material that helped pack 'em in.



Roy McLarty fine Canadian heavyweight now in England.

We feel that it will take another Jim Londos to bring wrestling back to the big time to stay. Perhaps even the old Jim Londos still has enough of his great personal appeal left to do the job all over again, twenty years after he made his mark in the Garden. Without a doubt, the first thing to be done is to establish one and only one heavyweight champion of the world. Until that is done, every wrestler will be considered on a par by the general public with no standouts or leading attractions in the flock.

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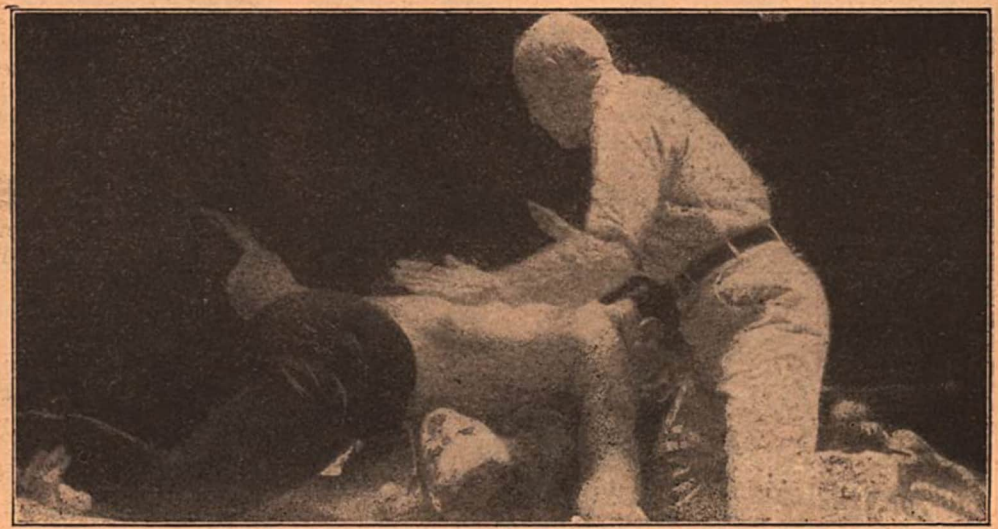
GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT, the famous Russian Lion and former heavyweight champion, is back in the United States to lecture on the subject of "Human Problems." This is Hack's first visit to the States since 1939. George spends most of his time with his old sidekick George Bothner.

Floyd Stevens, the newly appointed boxing commissioner of the State of Mich-



Referee George Bothner ending the Danny O'Mahony-Dick Shikat bout which was the last wrestling match to be held in Madison Square Garden. The year was 1937 and the winner was Dick Shikat.

igan, has banned women wrestling matches in the State. He has also clamped down on the wearing of boxing gloves by wrestlers. Why a wrestler should want his dukes padded with gloves, is a mystery to us. . . . Strangler Lewis has covered over 50,000 miles while putting his case before the public in an effort to enlist their support in carrying out his $25,000 per year job as wrestling czar. He is as good a speaker as he was a wrestler, and that's saying plenty.

The Strangler frowns on the idea of running his organization from behind a desk. He is keeping on the move to see for himself what is going on.

Sam Muchnick's great mat cards in St. Louis are keeping the turnstiles clicking. Sam drew 18,519 persons during two shows. One on November 26, 1948, had 10,176 paid patrons and the other on December 10, 1948, drew 8,343.

Martin "Blimp" Levy is now on the Pacific Coast packing them in. Levy, who tips the scales at a mere 640 pounds, should be banned from the ring for his own good and also for the good of the people who pay to see him. Promoters who capitalize on the misfortune of a sick man, should be reprimanded by State Athletic Commissions.

Big Ben Moroz, the six foot eight inch Philadelphia boxer, has decided to switch to wrestling. Moroz's record as a boxer is spotted with defeats but he should meet with good success as a grappler.

An Iowa reader reminds us that Iowa is the producer of three former world's heavyweight wrestling champions, Frank Gotch, Farmer Burns and Earl Caddock. Here is a trio of wrestling's all time greats, and sons of the Corn State certainly have something to boast about.

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PRIMO CARNERA made a big hit touring Venezuela. Primo is picking up $175,000 per year, which is far better than he did as heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

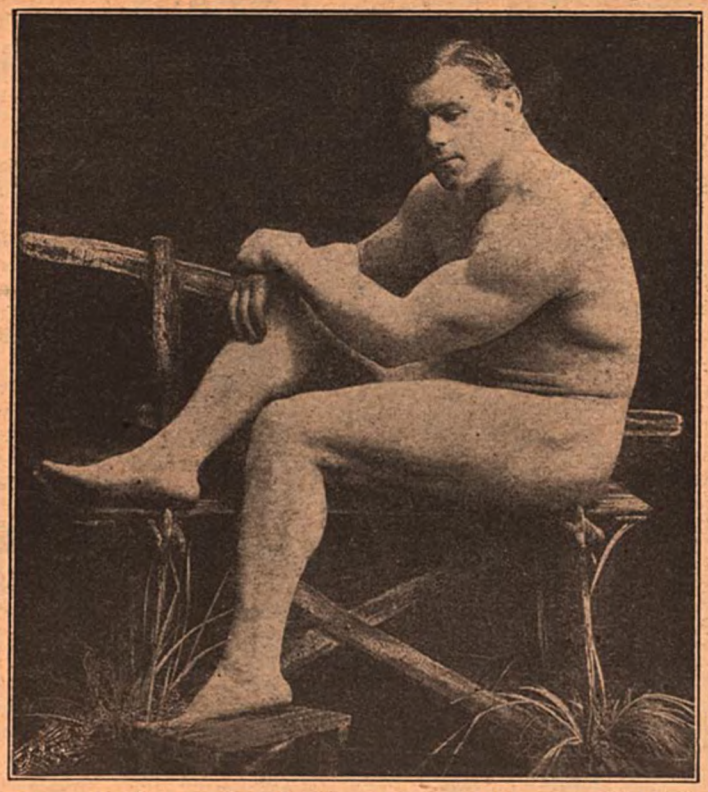
Wrestlers as a whole are paid far better than fighters, and for that matter, a lot better than in most sports. Frank Sexton cleans up better than $75,000 per year, Ernie Dusek's take is about $30,000, and Two Ton Tony Galento, another fighter turned wrestler, is reaping far more profits than he made with the gloves.

It's a far cry from the old days when Frank Gotch demanded a guarantee of $100 to put his world championship on the line. The big money makers of the 1930's were Jim Londos, Strangler Lewis and Gus Sonnenberg. However, even that group doesn't compare with what the grunters make these days. Today, the average wrestler makes about $500 per week, and that ain't hay.

Before we depart from this fact and figure session, there is one other point that might well be brought out. Wrestling, unlike other major sporting events, is completely free from the ugly problems of gambling. To the best of our knowledge none of the fans are foolish enough to wager on the outcome of grappling matches.

In answer to a question from a New England fan, Jim Londos and Ed "Don" George wrestled four hours and seven minutes to a draw in Fenway Park, Boston, on July 19, 1934. The match attracted 30,000 persons who paid $60,110 to see the long contest.

Danno O'Mahony took the title from Jim Londos in Fenway Park on June 27, 1935.



George Hackenschmidt, The Russian Lion, as he appeared in 1909.

Roy McLarty, the Canadian heavyweight, has reversed lend-lease and is now showing his bag of tricks to fans in the British Isles. Roy has engaged in seventy-two matches, winning sixty-four and drawing in the remaining eight.

McLarty plans to return to his native Winnipeg next fall and compete against the best of the Canadian talent.

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MARVIN "WINGS" MERCER by his versatility and speed has captivated audiences wherever he has appeared. He has mastered special holds and has a way of executing them in a manner that has brought him fame, and has made him a feared opponent from coast to coast.

What Mercer lacks in avoirdupois, he makes up for in power, speed, agility and zip.

With his drop kick he has battered men who outweighed him by fifty pounds.

Officials of Reading, Penn., Mercer's home town, had expected to sponsor the proposed David and Goliath match between Primo Carnera and Mercer but Primo was wafted to Southern shores before negotiations could be completed.

Mercer has held his own with most of the big shots of wrestling, among them, Gino Garibaldi, La Verne Baxter, Bobby McCoy and Babe Sharkey.

"The Atomic Drop Kick," as originated, developed and perfected by Mercer is deadly to an opponent when it connects, and most of the time it does. However, it has proved equally as deadly—for Mercer when he misses. For instance, after bombing Frank Sexton into almost certain defeat before a capacity house in Reading, Mercer missed the target and the clever Sexton sidestepped, clamped on a cradle hold and pinned Marvin.

The speed of Mercer's delivery is phenomenal. Though the atomic drop kick is his own creation and specialty, his repertoire of holds compares with that of Jim Londos, Ray Steele, Tom Droak, Joe Stecker and other greats of the mat game.

Jim Londos, the world champion during wrestling's Golden Age.

CRADLE OF BOXING

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could accompany him as a second."

I recall that affair vividly for I had been assigned by the Sports Editor of the *New York Press* for which I was working, to cover the show.

That night Buckley was in an angry mood. The newspapers had been rapping him for repeated violations of the law and he decided to take it out on the scribes. He insisted that there would be no visiting firemen, so far as the boxing writers were concerned and he stuck to his point. When I arrived, Leach and his brother were standing on the steps of the club arguing with Buckley. He spied me and he shouted, "Not even that newspaperman will get in here tonight without paying. To hell with 'em. They can rap me all they want but they'll pay for it."

And pay I did to see Leach wallop McGrath all over the ring.

LEACH started off like a whirlwind and jabbed the head off McGrath. A big Irishman was sitting behind me and he kept yelling insulting remarks at Cross and drew the ire of Sam who turned to tell the spectator that Leachie would knock the block off his Irish opponent. Just then McGrath caught Leach with a terrific blow under the heart and Cross looked like a goner. He didn't get over that punch during the entire round and took a good shellacking.

"So that's how your Leachie is going to knock the block off that young Mick," was the teaser hurled at brother Sam when the round had ended.

But Cross came back so strong in the second and third sessions that he slugged McGrath all over the ring much to the Irish spectator's discomfiture. When the gong sounded ending the third and last round in their no-decision affair, McGrath was happy that it was over. He and Cross were both badly battered but Leach had the better of the argument.

As Cross was about to get out of the ring, the bombastic Irishman, turning to Leach, shouted:

"You's a damn foine foighter, me bye. Jest too bad you're not Oirish."

That was quite a compliment for Cross, coming as it did from a wild-eyed son of Erin in a club whose patronage was ninety per cent Irish.

STILL another great battle that Cross fought at the Sharkey A.C. was with Jack Doyle. In that one he got a busted beak and in addition was knocked out in the second round. It was a humdinger of a mill, as were all of those staged by Jim Buckley, because if the fighters didn't perform according to Hoyle or didn't give the crowd a good run for its money, there was no payday. The bout was scheduled for four rounds for which Leach was to receive a dollar a round. He got his four but it cost him three for a doctor's bill.

One can go on and on with stories of the ring battles that took place at Buckley's club, contests in which humor, pathos and human interest were to be found in abundance. In the next issue I'll tell the story of the Attell-Murphy bout which Jim Buckley termed, "The greatest fight I've ever seen."

BOXING STILL LEADS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

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importer of Italian talent, has a couple of new arrivals in tow of whom much is expected. One is a lightweight, Silvano Locatelli, and the other a featherweight, Beppe Colasanti.

Locatelli, a cousin of Cleto Locatelli, who campaigned in the United States some years ago, has shaped up in his gymnasium workouts as a strong, rugged slugger with a busy style of milling that should appeal to the cash customers. In Europe, he fought most of the good lightweights, among them Andre Famechon, Kid Dussart, Aldo Minelli, Louis Orsini, Roger Vivancos and Leandre Mateos.

Colasanti is more of a boxer, combining clever footwork with a flashy, aggressive attack. One of his better performances in Europe was to invade Barcelona and give the hard-hitting Spanish bantam champion, Luis Romero, a tough ten-round argument.

There's nothing like a few generous dashes of "internationalism" to toss real spice into any sports program. Whether they hail from Europe or Australia, from Africa or the Argentine, they can always depend upon a real welcome from the American public. From out of the lot, one never knows when there'll pop another Bob Fitzsimmons, Owen Moran, Jem Driscoll, Charley Ledoux, Ted Kid Lewis, Luis Angel Firpo, Jimmy Wilde, Max Schmeling, Paulino Uzcudun or Marcel Cerdan.

DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH HURLEY

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signal for Goldstein, two years previous.

McLarnin was fresh from a knockout win over Louis Kid Kaplan, no mean feat, and was reputed to be a real puncher, but punchers were an old story to Sidney of the flying feet. What few realized was that the fantastic footwork that had befuddled Terris' foes so completely in the past, had been dulled by Time just enough to make him a target for McLarnin's powerful right hand.

The evening of February 24, 1928, Sid started out with his old familiar routine of jig and jab. His fang-like left darted into McLarnin's features, reddened his nose, tilted his head. Somewhere along the line that edge of swiftness that made Sid Terris great had gone forever—and the roof fell in on him. They carried him out of there in the very first round and a new star had come out of the west.

BILLY PETROLLE, a standout fighter of the twenties and thirties, has been built into a legend by former Manager Jack Hurley, now handling Foster. Petrolle caused no dancing in the streets on the occasion of his first important fight in New York way back in 1926. Sid Terris (here he is again), who barred nobody, proved an elusive welcoming committee of one when Petrolle tried to catch up with him in ten rounds out in Coney Island. Sid came up with a good night and limited his adversary to the one punch his rivals usually landed when Sid had all his speed.

Petrolle impressed as a game and willing crowd-pleaser, little else, in his early New York appearances.

Petrolle, whose career was actually divided into two sections, went back West, concluded the first phase of his fighting record out there, retired briefly, then took another whirl at boxing.

The Fargo Express was a better fighter in his "old age" fistically speaking, than he had been at his physical peak. When he finally came back into New York on the second lap of his ring career his performance hit a high for sensational results.

He subjected Jimmy McLarnin, then riding high, to the most thorough going over Baby Face ever received, in ten blistering rounds in the Garden on November 21, 1930. Many still insist that only a delayed count saved the Vancouver boy from a kayo when Petrolle floored him.

RUSES THAT WORKED

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TRICKS of the trade. You find them in all lines of business. Boxing is no exception. In fact, in pugilism, the opportunity to introduce ruses that might not seem legitimate to the average fan comes often and in most cases proves mighty effective. As in all other sports, boxing has progressed, but in some fields it still lags behind that of other sports.

In craftiness, for example, the old-timers had it all over the present crop, and as for managers, the majority of the present-day bunch are pikers compared to the shrewd old-timers. In every part of the country we do find here and there a manager of the old school like Charley Johnston, who manages Sandy Saddler; Jack Hurley, who handles young Vince Foster; Lou Viscusi, handler of Willie Pep; Joe Woodman, Max Waxman, Johnny Buckley and Al Weill, among others, but most of the present-day mentors are like novices when pitted against the seasoned vets.

What made the old-timers and those who work like them today so good was alertness. They studied opponents before making matches, and once the match was made, they concentrated on the training of their charges in a manner that left no loopholes for excuses once the fight was over.

Hype Igoe, famous New York scribe and cartoonist, who died about six years ago, once told a story at the St. Albans' Hospital for wounded veterans which covered the point of alertness pretty thoroughly and gave the lads a laugh. It was the story of the clock trick by Spider Kelly.

RING QUESTION BOX

Louis Charlebois, Sudbury, Ont.

Q.—What is the difference between a unanimous and a split decision and are there any other kinds of decisions?

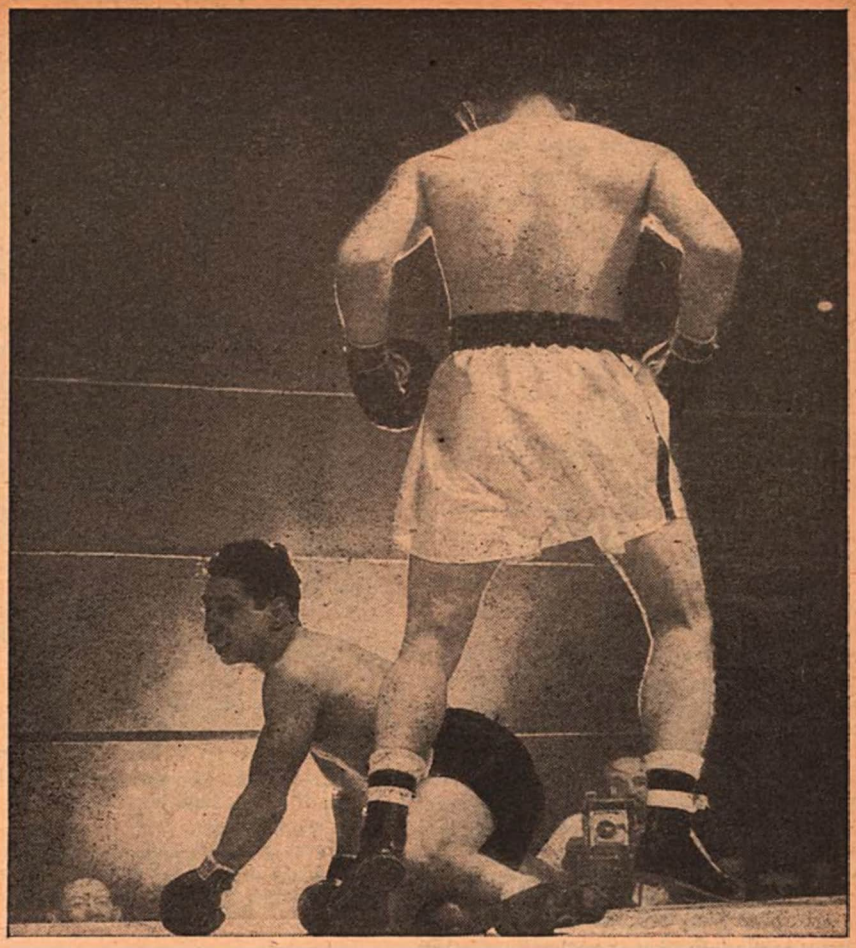
A.—On a split decision the officials do not vote for the same verdict. On a unanimous decision, they all agree on one verdict. Certain states have a "no decision" bout ruling in which no official verdict is given at the conclusion of the fight. A fight may also end in any of the following ways: a knockout, a disqualification, a foul, and as "no contest."

Harry Martin, Boston, Mass.

Q.—Was Jack Sharkey the world champion when he fought Max Schmeling the first time?

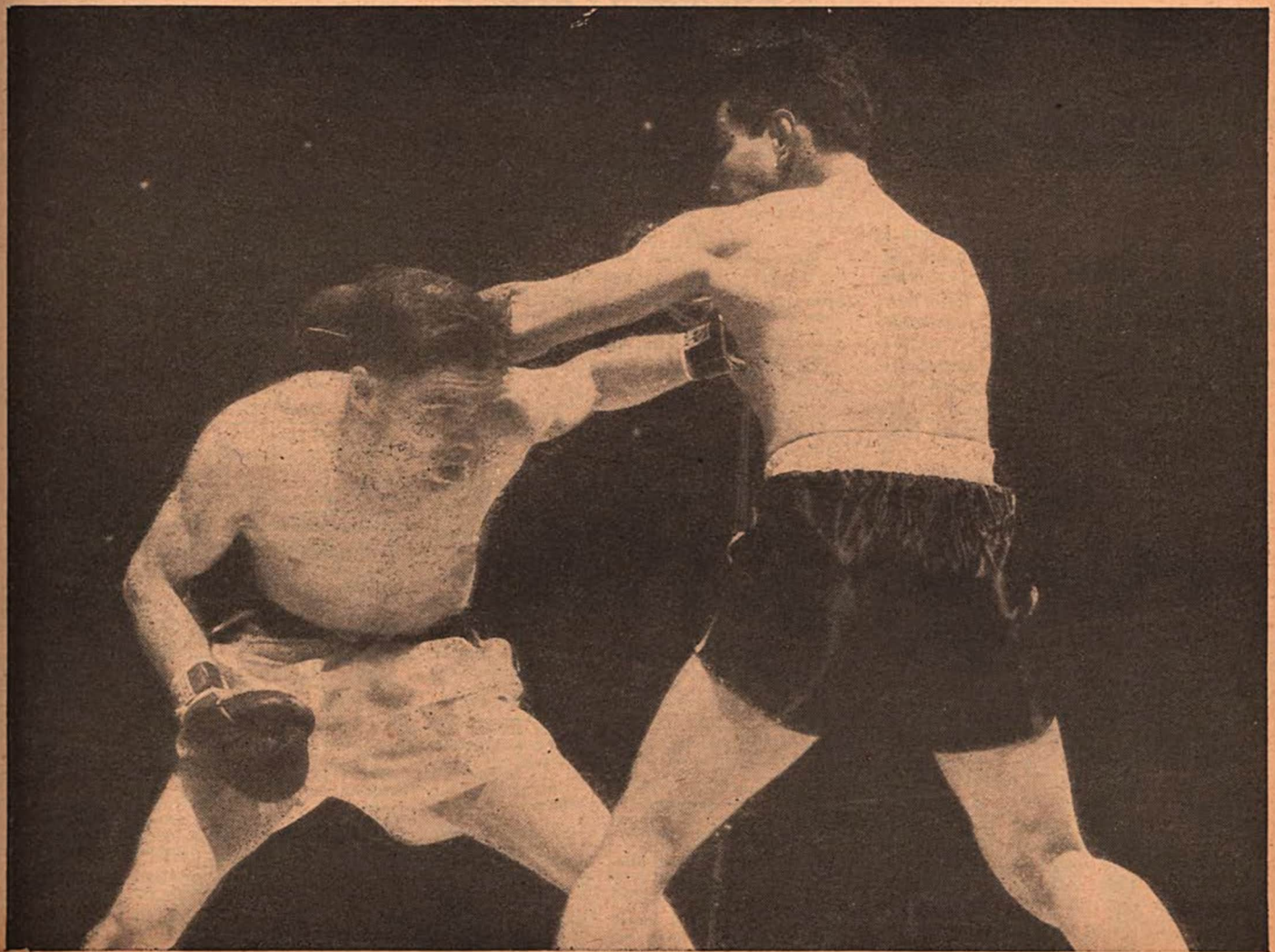
A.—No. He and Max were designated as the outstanding contenders for the crown that Tunney vacated and Max won on a foul. In their second bout, Schmeling was the title holder and Sharkey relieved him of the championship.

WHEN MID-WESTERN BOMB EXPLODED



A new experience for Tony Pellone, the Greenwich Village welterweight, who has appeared many times in Madison Square Garden and has carried off the decision quite frequently, found Vince Foster a tough hombre. Pellone, a favorite, hadn't expected this to happen. He was stopped by the newcomer, who has thrilled New York gatherings, in the seventh round with a left hook followed by a right to the jaw. Five years ago Pellone had his bout with George Knox stopped due to a cut eye.

Vince Foster slips under Pellone's left and counters with a left to the heart. Note the position of Foster's right, all ready to toss. The young Nebraskan, a throwback to Ace Hudkins, is action personified.



GREAT MOMENTS IN RING HISTORY

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part in, and at 31 Sharkey boxed Munroe in Philadelphia. It was after this, he retired. The fight with Jeff also was the latter's toughest.

Jim Corbett was 26 when he won the championship from Sullivan at New Orleans. He was 31 when he lost the title to Fitzsimmons, at Carson City, and when he boxed Jeffries in San Francisco, Corbett was a spring chicken of 37.

Jake Kilrain never was a "young blood" at any stage during his fighting career. When he was 28, he fought Jem Smith those 106 rounds in France. At 30, he went 75 rounds with Sullivan at Richburg, Miss., and when he was 37, he boxed Paddy Slavin at Baltimore.

The Barrier Champion, old Joe Goddard, furnishes another example. He was 31 when he stopped Peter Maher in three rounds at Coney Island. At 36 he stowed away Mick Dooley, at Johannesburg in two rounds, and when he fought Tom Sharkey in Philadelphia, Goddard was 39.

Although Peter Jackson was 25 when he wrested the Australian championship from Tom Lees at Sydney in 30 rounds, it really was the beginning of this truly great boxer's career. He was 28 when he beat Jem Smith in two rounds at the Pelican A. C., London. He was 30 at the time he boxed that historical sixty-one-round-"no contest" battle at San Francisco with Jim Corbett, and when he was defeated by Jeffries in California—his first reverse in 15 years—the great Jackson was then 37.

He bore the proud distinction of being the only heavyweight glove fighter in ring history who went along for a decade and a half, meeting all who would meet him, without being defeated.

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NEGROES have played a big part in fistic history. Many have reached the heights and carried off world titles; others have furnished the ring patrons with more laughs than could be obtained at a vaudeville show. Years ago, when Terry McGovern was in his prime, a Negro named Jim Watts from Louisville was matched to meet Tommy West, one of America's best light-heavyweights and the scene was Maspeth, Long Island.

It was a bitter, cold night. The fight was staged in a dance pavilion and though the management tried to make things comfortable for the spectators by placing oil stoves around the room, fighters and patrons alike experienced a most uncomfortable evening. The fighters were each guaranteed $500, but when the fight was about to get under way, it was learned that less than $800 was in the house.

Tommy West walked over to the box office and demanded his $500 before he got into the ring. Then Jim Watts followed. He likewise insisted that he wouldn't fight unless his money was paid over to him in advance. Joe Humphreys was the announcer. A consultation was held and the management asked Joe to make a plea to the patrons for the sum required to assure the fight.

Joe entered the ring. The crowd booed because the fight had not gotten under way on scheduled time and the cold was making all hands jittery.

"Quiet, please," Humphreys pleaded. "I have been asked to make a special announcement. The fighters have been guaranteed $500 each. The gate receipts tonight are short about $250 of the required sum. It's biting cold here, boys, and I'm sure that you don't want to go back to the city without seeing a fight. Let's all chip in. We'll pass the hat and get the dough."

In 15 minutes more than $500 was collected, enough to pay the fighters and give the promoters a few pennies for their work. Then the fireworks began and the spectators were treated to a great scrap.

Jim Watts had a large mouthful of glittering gold teeth of which he was very proud. In the course of the fight, West kayoed Jim with a blow to the mouth which sent the golden molars flying all over the ring in full view of the spectators. While Jim Watt's handlers were trying to coax the Negro boy back to consciousness there was a wild scramble for the gold teeth around the ring.

Finally Jim came to and missed his cherished ornaments and although his pronunciation was pretty well shot for the loss of them, he set up a howl. Joe Humphreys had to slip him the sad news that his fancy steak-chewers had been picked up by the fans as souvenirs.

It was the only real gold rush that ever took place in a prize ring—at least the only one in which the spectators got any of the gold!

DEMPSEY-LOUIS "FIGHT" BECOMES VIBRANT AGAIN

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The champion, panting, blowing, seems to look to his manager for aid. Has Dempsey met his master?

Jack starts to answer the question himself when the gong signalling the start of the second round peals on the air. He glides pantherlike across the ring, slides in close on the waiting Firpo and rakes him with short arm lefts and rights.

Firpo crashes a right to the body and clinches. On the break Dempsey steps quickly back in and lands two damaging left hooks. Dempsey digs his left to the body, uppercuts with his right and then pounds the body again as Firpo clinches. Dempsey shakes him off and drives in short arm blows. Firpo sinks to the canvas stricken.

For the first time Firpo fails to clamber quickly to his feet. The count reaches five before the Bull's up.

Dempsey works in close. He buries his left in Firpo's midriff and then crashes a short right to the jaw. The man from the Pampas hits the canvas. The fight is over.

NOW it would be well for us to examine the story of Louis' lightning triumph over Schmeling in one heat in their second fight. Max had stopped Louis, but Joe had studied the German's style minutely, and entered the ring loaded with confidence.

Louis started in the most finished and businesslike manner to destroy the only opposition the world had to offer. He slaughtered Schmeling.

Schmeling seemed surprised as Louis slipped in, hit him with the first punch of the fight, a stiff straight left to the mouth. This was quickly followed by another straight left which was turned into a short left hook with damaging effect.

Schmeling seemed to realize he was becoming a punching bag and in the next exchange let go a hard right hand that landed on the side of Louis' jaw without any apparent effect.

The next action was a left lead by Louis which Schmeling tried to cross, but his distance was short. There followed some infighting in which Schmeling was second best by a wide margin. Louis then began pumping his left with telling effect.

The next to final attack was a straight left turned into a left hook, followed by a murderous right which landed on the upper side of Schmeling's jaw.

Schmeling staggered under the blow. Another volley and Schmeling draped himself over the ropes. His favorite hand was done. He tried to hold himself from the floor with the hand that had stood him in great stead during his career. It kept him from the floor on other occasions by nailing his opponents.

The referee saved him momentarily by pushing Louis back. But the referee's action was like that of a moving picture screen holding back a torrent. It was worthless.

They moved to the center of the ring and down went Schmeling following a series of lefts and rights. Again the referee stepped in between them to wipe the resin from the gloves and Schmeling rose.

Louis was relentless, almost murderous, but brutally scientific. He again pushed in and with another attack ending with a vicious right, Schmeling sank to the floor completely whipped.

The towel came from Schmeling's corner.

Not sooner than necessary, but soon enough in the event his instinct brought him to his feet to face another barrage of the most destructive hitting I have ever seen in an important contest.

Louis proved that night to be the most powerful hitter seen around in many a day.

Unfortunately, Schmeling offered no resistance in the way of scientific defense. His feet were spread at least four feet apart and, accordingly, he could not move in or out. He was exactly like a hitching post; even a horse couldn't move him. He was in the range of Louis' blows and could neither move inside nor outside.

Max was taken from the arena to Polyclinic Hospital for examination of a kidney injury. He barely had escaped most serious hurt.

WELL, fans, the evidence lies before you. What is your verdict?

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By JOHN L. HABIB

HERE are the results of the first fight for the year staged on February 3. Trinidad's uncrowned middleweight champion, "Easy Boy" Francis, scored a close points decision over Raoul Ochoa, Cuban top-ranking boxer in a tame ten-round bout at the Mucurapo Stadium before a capacity crowd. Ochoa had a three pound weight advantage, scaling 167 to Easy Boy's 164.

In another ten-rounder Neville Jimpy Edwards, 156½, outpointed Jota Jota Fernandez, 168. Jimpy Edwards went down for a count of three in the first round from a short right punch by Jota Jota, then again visited the canvas for a no-count after receiving a left hook, but fought back to win a clear points decision.

The best fight of the night was between Kid Blyce, 129, and Baby Face Daniel, 123. The decision in this fight was very unpopular. Baby Face outpointed Kid Blyce in eight rounds. It was a keen mill but the decision should have gone to Blyce.

In an action packed six-rounder, Boswell St. Louis, 129 pounds, outpointed Tiny Jules, 124 pounds.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

AFTER putting on their first fight card last month, Promoters Romer and Maxwell decided to outdo themselves this month by importing Jersey Joe Walcott to stage two three-round exhibition bouts on January 29 at the Swingsters Square Garden. Walcott, who has been having little success in lining up bouts in the States, jumped at the offer of $5,000 and expenses to come to Aruba, the Boxing Mecca of South America.

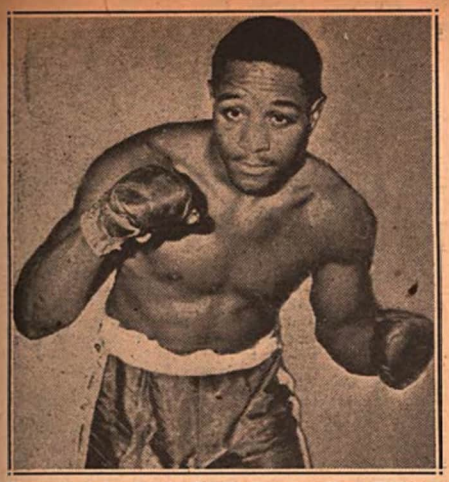
Although Walcott received a great reception on his arrival in Aruba, a capacity crowd roared their enthusiasm as he entered the ring to meet his first opponent of the evening, Omelio Agramonte, 192, heavyweight champion of Cuba.

Agramonte waded into Walcott with both fists flying. Walcott, however, easily bobbed and weaved with Agramonte's punches and pulled practically all of his punches throughout the three rounds.

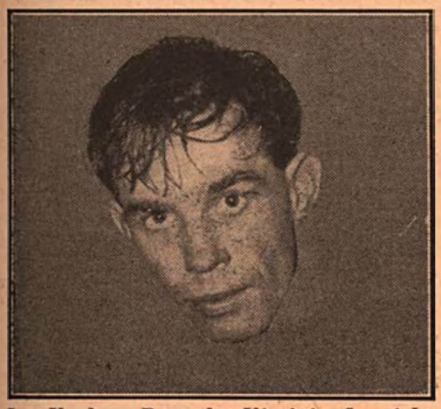
Baba Adams, 197 pounds, heavyweight champion of Trinidad, was Walcott's second opponent, but unlike Agramonte, he tried to outbox Walcott. Trying to outbox Walcott, Adams looked like an amateur.

In the scheduled ten-round semi-final, Bull Gilkes, 158, Trinidad, continued his phenomenal rise by stopping heavily favored Rosendo Perez, 151, Cuba, in the seventh round when Perez could not come out at the bell.

In a six-rounder Young Carpenter, 153, Aruba, continued his K.O. streak by stopping Young Gilkes, 145, Trinidad, in the first. In a four-rounder, Ray Convey, 128, Bonaire, easily outpointed Young Quick Silver, 121, Aruba.



Heavyweight from New Castle, Pa., Elkins Brothers.



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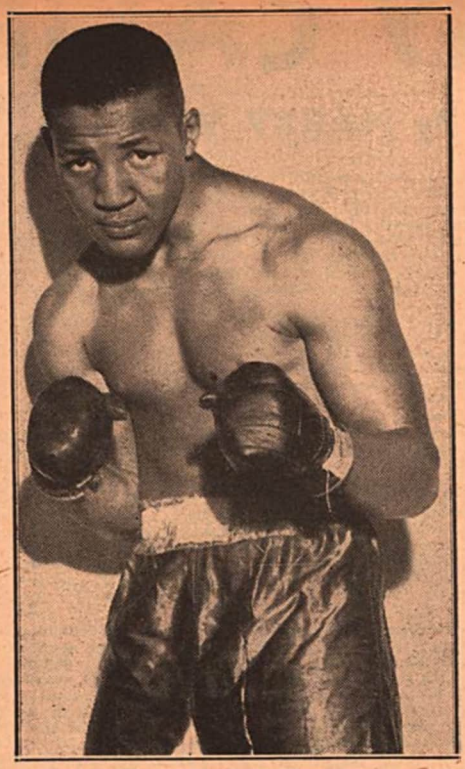


Jimmy Holden, Elizabeth, New Jersey, heavyweight.

GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

By HARVEY THORNE

GEORGE LA FALGIO

A FEATHERWEIGHT from the Bronx, New York, George La Falgio is an aggressive mite with a left hook that explodes in an assortment of jabs and hooks which carry plenty of authority.

The Bronx lad took an eight months' rest from the ring wars between September of 1947 and May of 1948. Reentering the fistic scene George went to work in earnest and since then has compiled a fine record.

As a professional La Falgio has met 32 opponents, scoring 15 decisions, 13 knockouts and losing but 4 decisions.

A rugged club fighter George can be counted upon to give the fans a run for their money.

He is managed by Jimmy Murray.

JIMMY HOLDEN

SOME people learn the easy way and others pick up their knowledge by the hard road. Jimmy Holden, Elizabeth, New Jersey, heavyweight, has been learning the hard way. No soft pickings for this twenty-one year old leather pusher.

His fistic career dates back to 1945 when he started to ply his trade and from the very beginning he met the good 'uns. In his fifth pro fight he got a draw with Solly Zalter who was a pretty good little fighter at that time. And right down to the present Jimmy has been bashin' with the tough boys.

As a sampling of this year, he has taken the measure of Mike Jacobs, holds draws with Joe Lindsay and Red Applegate, has defeated Augustino Guedes in eight and lost one to Guedes in eight, and has knocked out Jim Rousse, who holds a knockout over Nick Barone. He lost a close one to Harold Johnson, the Philadelphia knockout king, who has been labeled as a lad to watch.

Holden is a good hitter and a superb counter puncher who is always dangerous.

John Scavone is acting as Holden's pilot.

ELKINS BROTHERS

ELKINS BROTHERS, heavyweight from New Castle, Pa., is twenty-two years old and stands five foot nine and one half inches in his stocking feet. A solid chunk of man who can really take it but what is more important he dishes it out when occasion demands.

A professional since 1947 Elkins has met anyone and everyone with a success that speaks for itself.

This year Brothers has faced eleven opponents and has lost but one encounter. Jim Freeman kayoed the New Castle lad in two but on the other side of the ledger Brothers has taken the measure of men like Roy Taylor, Freddie Schott, Joe Lindsay, and Speedy Williams . . . all good leather swatters in their own right.

John W. Carter is his manager.

LEW YONKERS

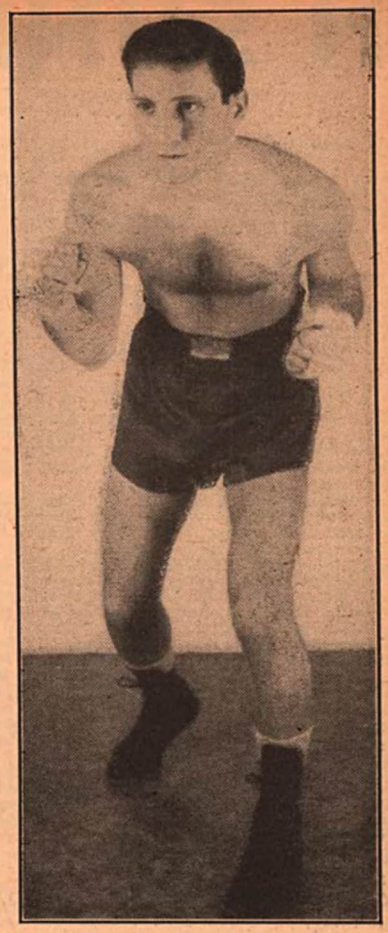
ROANOKE, VA., has a flyweight who, though young in years, knows his way around the fistic trail. He's Lew Yonkers, a "buzz saw" scrapper, who is all action from bell to bell.

Lew had his first taste of the pro boys back in 1941 and was doing right well when Uncle Sam beckoned and Lew served the colors. During his service career Yonkers donned the mittens on 20 occasions and won all but two of those bouts.

When he received his honorable discharge from Uncle Sam, Lew once again turned to the bistros of swat for his future.

His record has been better than average, holding wins over those who managed to get a nod over him. His series with Don Smith, Jimmy Jennette and Johnny Arduini are high spots along his crowd-pleasing road.

Emmett Jacobs handles the lad's ring affairs.



George La Falgio, Bronx, New York, featherweight.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

As we say in Hollywood, "A star was born" at the Stadium on the night that J. T. Ross punched out a K.O. win over Don Lee in eight rounds. To defeat Lee is quite a stunt in itself, but it was the decisive manner in which he did it that has made Ross the talk of local fistic circles. Lee, as tough and rugged as they come, was still vertical when Referee Charley Randolph declared Ross the winner, but Don was practically out on his feet.

It was a sensational scrap and had the fans on the edge of their seats throughout. Although Ross was as aggressive as Lee and often punched it out in toe-to-toe exchanges, the San Jose socker waged a really smart fight. His footwork caused the rushing Nebraskan to miss badly and Ross was always in position to counter sharply, and set to punch hard. His stiff left jabs set Lee up for follow-through pile-driving rights, which took the starch out of the Nebraska gamester.

Ross staggered Lee numerous times, but just when Don seemed about to go down, he would set his teeth and charge in for more. Although Lee was not credited with a single round, a few of the heats in which Ross slugged it out with Don were close. Both battlers bore marks of the gruelling setto, one side of Lee's face resembled a raw steak, while Ross suffered cuts under both eyes. Each weighed 160.

Although the weather was very "unusual," the largest crowd to attend a Hollywood fight in months turned out for this Donnybrook. Had it been a warm night the Stadium couldn't have accommodated the turnout.

In the semi, Frank Daniels, 165, Bakersfield Negro, who represented the United States at the Olympic Games, experienced little trouble in belting out Dave (Kelly) Millar, 170, in four rounds.

In the prelims, Elmer Beltz, 145, decisioned Harold Velasquez, 145, in a five-rounder; Jeep O'Neal, 127, stopped Burl Amos, 127, in the second; Dave Martinez, 148, disposed of Steve Takas, 144, in the first.

It is not uncommon to hear a manager boast that he could whip one of his former proteges, but such statements are most always accepted as so much hot air. But now one of them has gone and done it. Joe Barnum, who retired over a year ago to become a manager of boxers, recently split with Mario Trigo, one of his fighters, and there has been bad blood between them.

Barnum, in managerial pose (with a cigar at the right angle, that is), remarked, "Why, I could train a week and beat that punk." Trigo wished that Joey would try it, and Mike Hirsch, Ocean Park promoter, signed them up. If ever a fighter was humiliated, Mario Trigo be his name. Barnum gave him a pasting in seven of the ten rounds and had Mario in bad shape numerous times. It was a hard fought contest and thoroughly enjoyed by the capacity crowd that turned out for it. Barnum weighed 140, Trigo 138.

In supporting bouts, Chivaro Chavez, 133, Mexico, K.O.'ed Benny Saddler, 137, Ogden (5); Jeep O'Neal, 128, Oklahoma City, stopped Amos Burl, 130, Seattle (4); Sammy Zelman, 132, New York, decisioned Torito Ortega, 128, Tia Juana (4); Jose Rodriguez, 120, nodded Benny Chavez, 118 (4).

Now that a manager has lived up to the boast made by many managers for many years (that they could whip a certain one of their fighters), we trust that the controversy ends here. These manager-boxer contests might play havoc among our young glove-tossers. For instance, some of the ex-fighters now managing boxers out here are Gorilla Jones, Al Citrino, George Latka, Leon Zorrita, Eddie Stanley, Toby Vigil, John Henry Lewis, Tony Chavez, Harry Gordon, Tony Olivera, Joe Stanley, Archie Grant, etc.

See what I mean? And I shudder to think of what Jack Dempsey could do to Jo Weidin, his European importation.

After having his bags all packed for a trip to Honolulu to meet Carl Olson, it was decided that Earl Turner had time to knock over Clyde Coyhis before leaving. So the Milwaukee Negro was booked to meet Turner at the Oakland Auditorium. Oh, well, it's too cold to travel at this time, anyway.

Turner started slowly, but Coyhis didn't. Clyde stung Earl with long rights in both the first and second rounds, floored him twice in the third and once in the fourth. Turner came back in the fifth to slow Coyhis down with hooks to the body, and Earl was doing all right in the sixth until Clyde stunned him with a left hook, then followed through with a right to the chin that flattened Turner for the full count.

In remaining bouts, Wayne Sheppard, 134, decisioned Baby Picazo, 136, in six; Frankie Brown, 145, K.O.'ed Henry Anderson, 149, in the third; Fidel Ortiz, 145, nodded Woody Harper, 145, in four; Esau Ferdinand, 165, and Billy McGee, 166, went four rounds to a draw.

After seeing Jo Weidin in action against Freddie Beshore at the Olympic, Los Angeles boxing fans are convinced that the dearth of good heavyweights is universal. Weidin jabs well, has a good right hand punch and is strong as a bull, but his reflexes are slow, he knows little about infighting and is at a loss against an opponent who bobs and weaves. All of which Beshore must have known, for that is the style that Freddie used.

Beshore crouched low, weaved under Weidin's long punches and countered with lefts to the body and overhand rights to the head, some of which shook the Austrian to his heels. Weidin scored with enough left jabs and hooks to have the bout still close at the end of the eighth, but Jo tired and Freddie piled up a substantial lead in the final two rounds. Beshore weighed 197, Weidin 212.

Weidin, being an importation of Jack Dempsey (Jack was in his corner), he was highly publicized, but because of cold weather (what am I saying?) only about 4000 fans turned out for the show.

In a fast-punching six-round semi, Al Arenas, 129, bested Chuck Wilkerson, 123. Arenas' heavier punches to the body won for him.

In three preliminaries, Hank Herring, 150, iced Connie Smith, 153, in the second; Harold Jordan, 139, defeated Cager Norris, 139, in a four; Dave Gallardo, 124, K.O.'ed Manuel Hernandez, 121, in the fourth.

In their return bout at the San Jose Auditorium, Nick Diaz, 137, Los Angeles, evened the score with Benny Calla, 142, Oakland, by copping eight of the ten rounds. (Calla had scored a K.O. over Diaz a month before.) Calla made his usual aggressive battle, but the Mexican southpaw was too sharp for him on this night. Diaz decked the Oaklander twice for nine-counts.

In three supporting bouts, Bob Patterson, 160, beat Erskine Howell, 156, Fresno, in six; Joe Garcia, 126, Modesto, won over Henry Carvalho, 121, Decota, in six; Oscar Smith, 142, nodded Randy Martinez, 148, in four.

Although Bob Murphy tried hard for an early K.O. over Milo Savage, it was not until the eighth round that the clouting Celt was awarded such a victory. The Seattle Negro was not counted out; in fact, he was still on his feet when the go was halted, but he was badly pummeled and not able to fight back.

Savage retreated most of the time and seldom led, yet by smart maneuvering, he kept the bout close for six rounds. Continually circling to the left, Milo proved a difficult target for the San Diego southpaw. And at times, while in full retreat, Savage would stop suddenly and whip over hard rights that checked Murphy's advance.

The Irishman caught up with Milo in the seventh and belted him all over the ring, but instead of going down, Savage, although weakened, tossed a few back at Murphy just before the bell. Bob tore out in the eighth, cornered his weary foe, and was pounding him unmercifully when the referee declared it over. Murphy weighed 161, Savage 157.

Other results: J. J. Cracknell, 152, won handily over Eddie Seale, 155, in the six-round semi; Baby Ike, 147, stopped Cliff Barnett, 147, in the fourth round of a sizzler; Ray Acosta, 145, decisioned Baby Valdez, 144, in four; Manuel Hernandez, 121, whipped Tommy Yamaoka, 120, in four; Benny Chavez, 120, outpointed Russ McCarthy, 117, in four.

Willie Bean, 206, hardly worked up a sweat in disposing of John Donnelly, 186, in four minutes at the Ocean Park Arena. Donnelly, who has had little action during the past year, could not stand up against the young Negro giant. After winning the first round easily, Bean came out in the second, drove a hard right to John's jaw and it was all over.

In two five-rounders, Tony Grich, 155, and Boots Nelson, 159, fought to a draw, and Flash Gordon, 150, decisioned Ray Acosta, 146.

In two four-rounders, Jeep O'Neal, 128, beat Sammy Belman, 132, and Lonnie Hutson, 141, and Cager Norris, 145, drew.

In a hard-hitting setto at the Los Angeles Olympic, Raul Campos of Mexico punched out a ten-round decision over Charley Riley, St. Louis Negro. Riley's rights were probably harder than the Latin's lefts, but Raul is made of much sturdier stuff than the Missourian. Campos is a slow starter and Riley made the most of it.

Charley fed the Mexican fast left jabs and crossed sharp rights to win the first three rounds, and was quite cocky over it. Campos began to really fight in the fourth and he punished Riley with hooks to both head and body. Raul repeated the dose in the fifth. The turn of the tide riled Riley and he resorted to using his head (the skull part of it, not the gray matter). He was penalized a point for butting open a cut over Campos' right eye in the sixth.

They mixed it up furiously in the late rounds, with Campos having a bit the better of it, proving too tough and rugged for his faster but lighter foe. At 134, Campos outweighed the St. Louis boxer by six pounds. The attendance was light due to inclement weather.

In the six-round semi, Sonny Leavitt, 149, New York, came fast in the final round to win over Lawrence Brown, 148.

In remaining bouts, Connie Smith, 151, stopped Rocky Slater, 154 (3); Windy Hawkins, 161, iced Billy King, 158 (3); Reuben Garcia, 130, defeated Jeep O'Neal, 128 (4); Danny Mendez, 162, bested Quatie Lopez, 162 (4).

A couple of young home-town rivals had it out at the Oakland Auditorium when Benny Walker, 145, and Art Soto, 147, crossed gloves for ten rounds. It was close at the end of the eighth, but Walker put on a garrison finish in the final two rounds to get the nod.

Other results: Bob Dunlap, 176, Oakland, won by T.K.O. over Frank Buford, 198, in the opening heat; Henry Carvalho, 126, Decota, decisioned Manny Perez, 129, Vallejo, in a four; Oscar Penn, 153, Richmond, K.O.'ed Danny Forest, 161, Stockton, in the first; Billy McGee, 162, San Mateo, stopped Jess Slocum, 167, Richmond, in the fourth.

Sid Grauman, pioneer of the Hollywood premieres, couldn't have set the stage better for Art Aragon's first Hollywood main event. The set-up was perfect—and I do mean set-up! Chucho Ruiz of Mexico was played up as a worthy opponent for Aragon, therefore the local boy's quick and impressive victory over the visitor has skyrocketed his reputation. The facts are that Aragon was just as good a fighter a year ago, and Ruiz has been beaten numerous times by boxers not in Aragon's class.

After outboxing and outpunching Ruiz in the opening round, Art staggered Chucho with a left hook and dropped him with a right early in the second heat. Ruiz regained his feet at the count of nine and Aragon moved in for the kill. A series of lefts and rights to the head put Ruiz back on the canvas, this time for the full count. Each weighed 137½.

In a fast-action six-round semi, Benny Black, 147, Los Angeles Mexican, outsmarted Billy Tierney, 148, Cleveland (via Seattle) Irishman.

In other bouts, Baby Face Mathis, 138, and Pete Servin, 144, drew in four; Tommy Yamaoka, 121, decisioned Noble Johnson, 121, in four; George Albinet, 190, a cop, put Russ Landers, 220, in the cooler in the first round.

Promoter Jackie King of Sacramento staged a March of Dimes show that netted $3763 and added $2000 to the fund, in spite of the card being made up of preliminary boxers.

In the top spot, Archie Whitewater, an Indian lightweight of Oklahoma, now boxing out of Oakland, encountered little opposition from Baby Picazo of Mexico. The Chief iced the Mexican in the second round.

Other results: George Hammer K.O.'ed Emil Baroa in the third; Joe Lopez outpointed Manny Perez in four; Fidel Ortiz and Randy Martinez drew in four; Earl Flynn and Bob Rubio also fought to a draw.

Pancho Uribe, 128, Mexico City, chalked up his third United States victory in stopping Rolando Delgado, 125, Cuba, in the 10th round at Ocean Park Arena. After being floored for a nine-count in the third, Delgado fought with a vengeance, and the next six rounds were packed with action. In fact, the Cuban went so all-out that he couldn't answer the bell for the final heat and Uribe's glove was raised, awarding him a T.K.O. in the 10th.

In two five-rounders, Marquez Vasquez, 129, decisioned Reuben Garcia, 132, and Tony Grich, 153, outpointed Rocky Slater, 157.

In two four-rounders, Roy Daniels, 153, whipped Billy King, 157, and Al Bernal, 121, beat Benny Chavez, 118.

The San Francisco Coliseum couldn't accommodate the crowd that turned out to witness the clash between Dave Whitlock and Grant Butcher, two of the city's most promising young scrappers. Whitlock proved too experienced for the former amateur champ, but Butcher came on so strongly in the late rounds that he would be favored to reverse this verdict a few months hence. It was only Grant's fifth professional fight, while Whitlock is undefeated in 23 pro starts.

Whitlock won five of the first six rounds, jabbing Butcher off balance and shaking him up with right crosses. Dave also laced Grant when in close. Up to this point, Butcher had used only a left hook and was allowing Whitlock to take the play from him. Butcher changed his tactics in the seventh, forced the fighting and whipped over many right hands. Whitlock weakened under this assault and Butcher won the three final rounds.

Other results: Mongo Luciano whipped Billy Epps in the semi (6); Frankie Romero K.O.'ed Bobby Cruz (3); Bob Patterson decisioned Roy Voris (4); Andy Walker iced Milo Latkovich (1).

In an eight-rounder at San Jose, Nick Diaz, 136, Los Angeles, decisioned Tommy Vargas, 136, of the same city. It was a lively setto, with Diaz piling up a lead in the early rounds, and Vargas coming strong in the final heats to make it close.

In another eight-rounder, Bob Patterson, 162, San Francisco, nodded Billy McGee, 164, San Mateo. This bout was a dull one.

Eddie Chavez, 130, San Jose, and Joe Perez, 136, Los Angeles, fought six rounds to a draw. Dick Carillo, 145, Stockton, won over Oscar Smith, 142, Oakland, in a four.

The old axiom, "A man is no better than his legs," was given added impetus in a contest between Jackie Wilson and Tommy Bell at the Los Angeles Olympic. Bell, who up to a few months ago was considered as a contender for the welterweight title, is through. That is, he is unless something can be done for his legs. Wilson won by a T.K.O. at the end of the ninth.

In spite of the fact that both boxers tried hard all the way, it was an agony affair for seven rounds and the crowd booed its displeasure. Bell performed like an old man, and Wilson, too, has slipped. Bell's knees sagged even from light in-close scuffling. It was in the eighth that the fight started—and was decided. Wilson landed several rights to the head to stagger and drop Bell for two eight-counts, and Tommy went down again from a half-shove just before the bell ending the ninth.

Bell was weak and groggy when he went to his corner and a few seconds later, Manager Al Weill notified Referee Benny Whitman that Bell could not continue, thereby crediting Wilson with a ninth-round T.K.O.

In supporting bouts, Rudy Davila, 154, easily defeated Spencer Coleman, 161, in the six-round semi; Harold Jordan, 138, won by a T.K.O. over Aquiles Valenzuela, 140, in the first round, due to an eye cut; Freddie Hayes, 125, whipped Manuel Hernandez, 121, in four; Frankie Chavez, 160, and Tito Garcia, 159, drew in four; Danny Mendez, 163, K.O.'ed Oscar Nullett, 162, in the second.

The Oakland Auditorium is truly becoming the home of upsets. The most recent one in that ring was John L. Davis' win over Irvin Steen. The bout went along as expected for five rounds, but Davis took over the driver's seat in the sixth with a two-fisted onslaught. Steen was almost floored in this heat and finished the round bleeding from cuts over both eyes.

They slugged it out in the two final rounds, with Irvin having a shade the better of it, but still behind on points in the opinion of the judges. Davis weighed 136, Steen 140.

In the semi, Bobby Jones, 150, Oakland, defeated Erskine Howell, 157, Fresno, in six spirited rounds.

In three four-rounders, Felix Coleman, 126, beat Frankie Dobales, 126; Frankie Brown, 147, won over Woody Harper, 146; Billy McGee, 163, shaded Esau Ferdinand, 163.

The most important event in San Francisco fistic circles in recent months was the reopening of National Hall, with Lou Thomas as promoter, and Bill Kyne, of race track fame, as financial backer. This 25-year-old arena has been one of the most colorful of all California fight clubs, but because of its rundown condition, has been closed for over a year. It has been completely renovated, with new ring, new seats, etc.

An idea of the "face lifting" job that Kyne has done on the Mission Street club can be gleaned by the fact that the arena long known as the "Bucket of Blood" is now referred to by the sport scribes as "The Jewel Box."

If Charley Salas of Phoenix lives long enough and is always matched as carefully as he has been at the Hollywood Stadium in recent months, he should eventually become welterweight champion of these United States, state by state. Salas, the Arizona champion and a winner over the Texas titleholder, has added Connecticut to his collection. That is, he did, if Frankie Vigeant of Waterbury, is, as claimed, the champion of the Nutmeg State.

Vigeant garnered the opening round, while Salas was doing little more than looking over the house. And Frankie was doing all right in the second until Charley smacked him with a right near the end of the round. Salas worked Vigeant over in the third and fourth, and finished him off in the fifth. A right to the jaw felled the Irishman. He regained his feet at the count of nine, but was in no condition to continue. Salas weighed 146, Vigeant 148.

In the semi, Windy Hawkins, 157, beat himself out of a win over Mike Angustain, 159, by butting open a cut over Angustain's eye in the sixth and final round, causing the bout to be declared a draw. Hawkins was out in front.

Other results: Baby Face Mathis, 140, and Lawrence Brown, 148, drew, (4); Dave Gallardo, 122, and Jeep O'Neal, 128, also ended up even, (4); Tony Grich, 154, K.O.'ed Sal Flores, 158, (1); Ray Acosta, 145, nodded Baby Valdez, 142, (4).

Boxing as a welterweight, Jesse Flores, 144, Stockton's pride, punched out an easy win over Art Soto, 147, Oakland, in a 10-rounder at Sacramento. Soto was the aggressor in the early rounds and kept the action close, but Flores took over midway in the bout and kept the Oakland boxer on the defensive in the late rounds. Flores was credited with eight of the rounds.

In the prelims: Frankie Sequeria, 121, Oakland, outpointed Dave Renosa, 123, Stockton, in six-round semi; Joe Lopez, 133, Sacramento, won on a technical decision over Bert Joy, 137, Hayward, in the second, due to an eye injury; Carlos Martinez, 153, Stockton, beat Randy Martinez, 149, Modesto, in four; Danny Nunn, 155, Sacramento, K.O.'ed Danny Forest, 152, in the second.

Enrico Bertola, 191, Italy, won a bruising 10-rounder over Ray Stevens, 200, Burlingame, at the San Francisco Coliseum. What the big fellows lacked in class, they made up for with rugged milling. Stevens staggered the Italian numerous times, but Enrico is tough and he always came back to force the issue and pile up points.

The six-round semi between Alex Amador and Buster Chikami had the fans on the edge of their seats throughout. Amador was declared winner of this bloody, toe-to-toe slugfest.

In another six-rounder, Zeke Lucero, 129, made his return to the ring after several months' rest, and won easily over Bucky Edwards, 127, Vallejo.

Mike Martinez, 131, outboxed Mannie Perez, in the four-round opener.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," appealed to Clyde Coyhis, and in his fourth attempt he whipped Richard Jones in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. In this meeting, Coyhis took command at the start and forced the milling all the way. Although both are punchers, there were no knockdowns. The decision to Coyhis was unanimous. Each weighed 149.

In supporting bouts, Marcus Vasquez, 127, stopped Manny Camarillo, 126, in the fifth round of the semi; Harold Jordan, 141, decisioned Cager Norris, 144, in a four; Ray Lauria, 144, and Baby Valdez, 142, drew in four; Al Bernal, 122, and Manuel Hernandez, 121, also boxed a draw.

While there was little doubt as to what the outcome would be, Gene Loughridge of Los Angeles, made it unpleasant for Irish Bob Murphy much longer than he was expected to, in their clash at the Los Angeles Olympic. The bout was a one-sided affair, but Loughridge stood up under some heavy punishment and the K.O. in the seventh was the first time that the slender Negro had been floored.

On numerous occasions when Loughridge appeared about ready to give up, he would lash out with a hard right that stopped Murphy in his tracks, causing the crowd to cheer loudly. But his resistance had been pretty well punched out of him by the end of the sixth, and when he was dropped early in the seventh, it was with such finality that Referee Joe Stone didn't bother to count. Murphy weighed 162, Loughridge 161.

In three preliminary bouts, Bobby Why, 126, and Roosevelt Bonner, 127, fought to a draw in four; Dave Gallardo, 121, stopped Tommy Yamaoka, 121, in the third; Al Bernal, 123, and Manuel Hernandez, 121, drew in four.

In a companion 10-rounder, Rudy Garcia, 125, Los Angeles, came off the floor from a nine-count knockdown in the opening round to punch out an eighth round K.O. win over Pancho Uribe, 126, Mexico City. It was only Garcia's ninth professional start and the first time he had gone over four rounds, yet, he was still going like a house afire at the finish, although all seven rounds had been fought at a sizzling pace.

Uribe's left ear had been puffed up ever since the third round and when one of Garcia's hard rights busted it open in the eighth, blood splattered over both battlers. The Commission doctor ruled Uribe out and Garcia's glove was hoisted. Rudy was well ahead on points at the time.

A turnaway crowd was on hand for the reopening of National Hall, one of San Francisco's best known sports centers. And everyone present was happy; Promoter Lou Thomas, because his opening show drew the biggest gate in National Hall's 25-year history; the spectators, because while everything else was new—the fights were still of the old-fashioned variety.

Benny Calla, Oakland Italian, and Mario Trigo, Los Angeles Mexican, fought ten tough rounds to a draw in the feature bout.

In the other bouts: Mongo Luciano whipped Billy Epps in a six-round slugfest; Frankie Romero, 132, K.O.'ed Frank Dozal, 131, in the first heat; Esau Ferdinand, 163, nodded Billy McGee, 164, in a four; Fidel Ortiz, 147, beat Earl Flynn, 153, in four; Joe Simms, 145, and Dick Carillo, drew.

The Docusen brothers seem to have set a precedent. It is customary for the older or bigger brother to tackle a rival after a smaller or younger brother has clashed with the foe, only if the smaller member of the family has been vanquished. However, it is different with the Docusens. Bernard recently met, or was scheduled to meet two boxers (John L. Davis and Benny Walker) whom his younger and smaller brother, Maxie, had defeated a few weeks previous.

Maybe Maxie should have met Ray Robinson first?

With a shortage of talent, due to the rigid physical requirements of the Commission this year, many of the up-and-coming preliminary boxers are given top billing. Some of them too soon for the good of their careers, I fear. One of these, Al (Apples) Arenas, promising youngster of Los Angeles, was featured in a 10-rounder with Babe Nevarez of Mexico City, at the Ocean Park Arena.

It was a hotly contested scrap, one of those seesaw affairs, where you just know that your favorite is winning. This one was declared a draw and as all three judges disagreed, the decision was probably right. Each weighed 132.

Other results: Roosevelt Bonner, 130, decisioned Marcus Vasquez, 128, in four; Tony Grich, 156, whipped Boots Nelson, 160, in four; Jackie Condon, 156, stopped Tito Garcia, 160, in the third; Enoch Lee, 168, and Danny Mendez, 160, had their bout declared a draw in the first round, due to an injury; Joe Rodriguez, 123, iced Torito Ortega, 127, in round one.

Ted Walker, a manager of San Jose, has the distinction (he did not want it) of having two of his fighters featured at different clubs in the same city on the same night. It was due to a misunderstanding (Ted says misrepresentation is the word) and put Walker in a hot spot, as the two promoters were in bitter competition.

A couple of small senors from Old Mexico, Luis Castillo and Rudolfo Villa, tossed a lot of leather in a 10-rounder at the San Francisco Coliseum, with Castillo winning handily, due to a hefty left hook. The little Mexican battlers made it a toe-to-toe affair all the way, with Villa coming out second best in these exchanges, Castillo being credited with nine of the rounds. Each weighed 121.

In supporting bouts; Archie Whitewater, 138, Oakland, bested Bobby Burgess, 140, Vallejo, in a six-round semi; Chuck Stanton, 187, chilled Don Valenti, 198, in the fourth; Mike Martinez, 130, beat Mannie Perez, 132, in four; Frank Dobales, 128, decisioned Frankie Dozal, 128, in a four.

Joe Genshlea, Secretary of the State Athletic Commission, reports that California boxing receipts fell off 17 per cent in 1948. Promoter Cal Eaton of the Los Angeles Olympic (leading club of the Coast) states the big club grossed but $588,000, which is about $55,000 below the '47 take. Hollywood Stadium did only $334,000, a drop of $58,000. Mike Hirsch's Ocean Park Arena, the most successful of the small clubs, took in $115,000, which is $21,000 below the '47 figure.

A voice from the other room just yelled, "Hey, Rip, take a look at the clock!" And I was just getting my second wind! And in spite of the weather, the address is still—Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood 38, Calif.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

KEITH HAMILTON, 19-year-old New Orleans Irish lightweight, won a ten-round decision over Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas, to dethrone Bertolino as the Southern lightweight champion, at the Coliseum Arena.

Fans to the number of 4841 paid a net gate of $6605.79 to witness the fast encounter.

Lawton Disoso, New Orleans, and Johnny Villaneuva, San Antonio, Texas, 180-pounders, fought a six-round draw in the semi-final. "Kid" McJunker, Galveston, Texas, won a five-round decision over Herbert Mueller, New Orleans, in a five-rounder. They are welterweights. Walter Despit and Pete Marciante, local heavyweights, battled to a four-round draw. Lenny Alvarez, local 122-pounders, won a four-round decision over Ray "Jitterbug" Smith, New Orleans.

Roscoe Toles, 194 pounds, Detroit, Mich., Negro heavyweight protege of Jack (Doc) Kearns, former pilot of Jack Dempsey and Mickey Walker, pounded out a ten-round decision over Al Hart, 217 pounds, Washington, D. C., Negro heavyweight, in a furious brawl for big men at the Coliseum Arena.

In the eight-round semi-final, Cliff Williams, Chicago, Ill., welterweight stablemate of Hart's, decisioned another fine local prospect, Eddie Coleman. Williams displayed great boxing skill and is a comer in the 147-pound ranks.

Chuck Taylor, Gallitzen, Pa., welterweight, made his local ring bow a winning one by scoring a ten-round decision over Cosby Linson, veteran local ironman, at the Coliseum Arena.

The gate netted $1,931.42.

Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J., lightweight, and Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, fought a hard ten-round draw at the Coliseum Arena. Russo was the first name fighter Hamilton has met since he turned main eventer.

A net gate of $4,839.33 was paid by 3,158 fans.

Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas, scored an eight-round T.K.O. over Anthony Arnone, New Orleans Italian lightweight, in a rousing scheduled ten-round scrap. at the Coliseum Arena. Arnone was floored with right-hand smashes in the second and seventh rounds.

Carlos Camacho, Mexico City, scored a five-round T.K.O. over Clarence "Baby Face" Williams in the eight-round semi-final. Johnny Villaneuva, Texas junior lightweight, decisioned Lawton Disoso in a five-rounder.

Despite a heavy rainfall, 3,588 fans paid a net gate of $5,376.06.

Fighters desiring work in these parts, unattached, can communicate with the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

'TIS an all wind, indeed, that doesn't blow somebody some good.

The defeats of the visiting Yanks, Tony Janiro and Billy Graham, by the British welters, Henry Hall and Eddie Thomas, in London, may have been something of a jolt to the nebulous thing known as American boxing prestige, but they served two more important purposes.

For one, the double win posted by Hall and Thomas represented the sort of encouragement—the "shot in the arm"—boxing in Britain could well use at this time.

And it also indicated that the Tight Little Isle is finally getting back to something approximating its normal pre-war standards.

In recent years the calibre of British boxing dropped to sorry low, indeed. With infrequent exceptions, the homebreds were beaten with discouraging consistency in international competition.

But there has been noticeable, and heartening, progress of late in the development of young British talent. Hall and Thomas are only two of the better kids carrying the island's revived hopes for a return to the once eminent spot it occupied in the world's fistic scene.

From here on in, Americans are likely to hear a lot of nice things about such other youngsters as heavyweight Jack Gardner, light-heavyweight Don Cockell, middleweight Sammy Sullivan, and welterweights Les Allen and Jeff Tite, to list only some of the many good 'uns coming along over yonder.

Despite their wins over Janiro and Graham, Hall and Thomas may not be quite ready as yet for our ranking welters. After all, Tony and Billy, though better than the average, do not class with Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan, Freddie Dawson, Frankie Fernandez, Gene Burton, Bernie Docusen and that crowd.

But English Henry and Welsh Eddie, still comparative youngsters, should continue to improve—and British boxing with them.

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A STRANGE blend of contradictions is Ike Williams, our very able ruler of the lightweight roost.

First impressions of Ike, personally, are not exactly flattering. The dour-faced Trentonian seems surly, nasty, antagonistic. He seldom smiles, and when he talks he appears lacking in even the basic fundamentals of tact and diplomacy. Generally, Williams leaves a sour taste in the mouths of those meeting him for the first time.

And, yet, not since Joe Louis belted out Buddy Baer and Abe Simon in Madison Square Garden, and turned his purses over to the Army and Navy Relief Funds, has any ringman contributed so generously to worth-while causes as has Williams.

In last month's issue of THE RING, Nat Fleischer listed only a few of Ike's many charitable activities—activities that not only have taken up much of his time, but have cost him a fair-sized fortune in cash.

His latest move is typical.

Last year, Williams and his No. 1 rival, Enrique Bolanos, drew something like $154,000 for their title bout in Los Angeles. Ike won, but the scrap was so close and bitterly-fought that a return match in L. A. became inevitable, with a certainty that it would gross from $175,000 to $200,000.

In the normal course of events, Williams would be entitled to the champion's 37½ per cent of the net receipts (gross minus federal and state taxes). Ike's end would reach in the neighborhood of $50,000.

But when he was approached by the stage-screen-radio comics, Abbott and Costello, who are running the show April 21 to raise funds for the Lou Costello, Jr., Youth Foundation, Ike offered to cut his percentage down to 7½—hardly more than enough to cover the traveling and training expenses of himself and entourage. His remaining 30 per cent will go to the Fund.

A real champion, Ike Williams—out of the ring as well as in.

OF the scores of yarns unravelled around the late Jim Buckley, whose colorful career is portrayed so graphically by Nat Fleischer elsewhere in these pages, one of the most typical centered in a "feud" between Jim and Tad Dorgan, whose daily cartoon and occasional boxing column were features of the old New York Journal's sports pages.

Tad seemed to take particular delight in ruffling Buckley's easily-ruffled Irish composure, and on one occasion he wrote that Jim, then promoting at the Sharkey A. C., would do well to spend a few dollars for a new ring canvas. The one in use, beginning to show visible signs of wear and tear, had become a hazard to the boxers. "One of these nights," Dorgan warned, "some kid will catch his foot in a hole and wind up with a broken leg."

During the course of his next show, Buckley clambered into the ring to announce his following week's card. Then, as an afterthought, he added:

"And for the special benefit of a certain party who calls himself a newspaperman," . . . and Jim paused a moment to toss a baleful glare at Tad in the working press section . . . "we are ordering a brand-new covering for the ring floor—a gorgeous, imported Persian rug."

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WILLIE BELTRAM probably will cross the Broadway Arena off his calling list from now on. The Bronx lightweight seems to do well enough for himself everywhere else, but the Broadway has become poison to him. A year ago Willie dropped into the Brooklyn sluggery and was belted out by Joey Brocato. He returned recently for another appearance—and was flattened by Joe Miceli.

Chick Wergeles did well to request the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association to place Tommy Bell's name on their inactive lists. Chick should have done it after Bell's affair with Frankie Fernandez in Honolulu. The Youngstown veteran was flattened in that bout, after absorbing a vicious lacing, and was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment. But Wergeles apparently needed more convincing. It was supplied in Los Angeles, where Bell absorbed another brutal beating before he was stopped by Jackie Wilson—and again became a hospital case.

A promising career was temporarily halted, and the Ridgewood Grove deprived of one of its best attractions, when someone, probably with a petty grievance, blabbed to the fistic fathers that Jimmy Herring, popular Ozone Park middleweight, actually was only 17, and not 18, the minimum age for pro boxing in New York.

Unless Rinty Monaghan shows considerable improvement over the disappointing form he displayed in losing to Terry Allen in their recent non-title outing in London, a new world flyweight champion is likely to be crowned April 5, when the Irish crooner stakes his laurels in Belfast against his No. 1 rival, Maurice Sandeyron of France.

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WITH the sudden retirement of light-heavy Phil Berman, Sportscaster Steve Ellis has shifted his affections to another Patersonian, Johnny (Sonny) Luciano, likely-looking welter. . . . The steady turnover in the personnel of the Tournament of Champions prompts Billy West to ask: "What is it, an Elimination Tournament?" . . . Nat Forman drops in to report that his Brooklyn light-heavy, Larry Shaw, is now campaigning in Europe. . . . Promising heavyweight prospect, 21-year-old Maynard Jones, of Wilmington, Del., looks better every time out. He recently spotted height, weight, reach and experience to formidable Bill Gilliam, and outpunched the big fellow in an eight-rounder in Newark.

Some guys just cannot stand prosperity. Cecil Hudson hit his peak when he whipped Jake LaMotta in Chicago in September, 1947—and he hasn't won a fight since. The decision he blew to Curtis Moore in Providence recently was the eighth straight loss

chalked up against him since the LaMotta episode. . . . Richard Lean, representing the Melbourne Stadium in Australia, was a recent visitor here. . . . Ray Arcel is keeping Tommy Yarosz on a steady two-bouts-per-month schedule. . . . Isn't it about time the State Athletic Commission wiped out the antiquated rule that prohibits minors under 16 from attending boxing shows, even though accompanied by adults? If the kids can see fights on television at home, why can't they be permitted to view them in person? . . . While visiting relatives here, Bert Sanders, rugged British middleweight, wouldn't mind trying his luck against some of our 160-pounders. Lew Burston will look after Sanders during his stay on this side.

The month's results:

Their third get-together within a year resulted in a hairline decision for Ray Edwards, 125½, Jamaica, over Billy Liggett, 130½, Trenton, N. J., in a fast-punching six at Jamaica Arena. The semi-final produced a verdict for Lenny Durham, 144, Brooklyn, over a borough rival, Tommy Warnock, 141, who was returning to the ring after a four-year absence. Three of the prelims wound up in two-round kayoes, Joe Dominick, 206, Garfield, N. J., stopping George Washington, 180½, Birmingham, Ala.; Julie Colon, 122, East New York, halting Frankie Whethers, 120½, Freeport, and Sammy Thompson, 158½, West Side, winning over Jimmy Edwards, 162, Harlem. Johnny Lemmons, 125½, Stamford, Conn., decisioned Jack Mulanaphy, 126½, Bronx, in four.

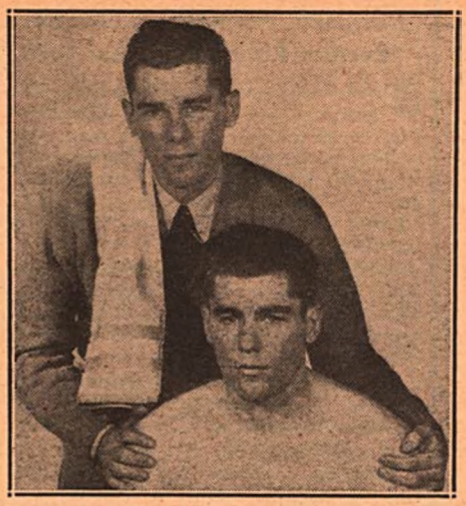
Too shifty and ringwise for his opponent, Jimmy Warren, 137, Brooklyn, finished in front of aggressive Fred Monforte, 137, also of Brooklyn, in a lively eight at the Broadway Arena. Rugged Vinnie Cidone, 154½, Coney Island, outpunched Bobby James, 157½, Jamaica, in another eight. Bruno Lijoi, 135, Brooklyn, needed only a round and a half to polish off Joe Greaves, 133¾, likewise of Brooklyn, in a scheduled six. Robert E. Miller, 146, Harlem, disposed of Augie Dacobellia, 147¾, East Side, in the second of another six, while Bobby Campbell, 138, Newark, had the better of Louis Quiles, 136, Puerto Rico, in the opening four.

Packing too much of everything for the party of the other part, Fitzie Pruden, 144½, St. Catharines, Ont., stopped the veteran Joey Belfiore, 135½, Philadelphia, in the seventh of a scheduled eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Brownsville's Georgie Kaplan, 181½, one of the likeliest young big fellows hereabouts, polished off Jimmy Hill, 190, Trenton, N. J., in 1:17 of the first. Other kayoes were registered by Walter Haines, 138, Brooklyn, who stopped Marion Coll, 142, Havana, Cuba, in the sixth, and Murray Levine, 130, Bayonne, N. J., who halted Johnny Lemmons, 122¾, Stamford, Conn., in the third. The only bout to go its full route was a four in which Jimmy Burgo, 152, Puerto Rico, outpointed Lou Gillespie, 154¾, Ozone Park.

The Tournament of Champions' inaugural at Manhattan Center drew a disappointing turnout of only 1,297 and a gross gate of $3,483 for the New York debut of highly-publicized Rusty Payne, the roving Texan, who has shifted his base of operations from San Diego to Pittsburgh. Payne, who scaled 181¾, had an easy time outpointing the ill-trained veteran, Curtis Sheppard, 203, in a slow ten. Sheppard toted about ten pounds of excess avoirdupois into the ring, and he was too slow for his lighter and shiftier opponent. An unusual feature of the all-heavyweight card was that it failed to produce one kayo. Jimmy Evans, 181, Brooklyn, outpunched Don Mogard, 191¼, Toronto, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Johnny Melko, 214, Worcester, Mass., whipped Joe Dominick, 203½, Garfield, N. J., and Bob Isler, 174, Bronx, won from Jimmy Walls, 191, Englewood, N. J. In fours, Tom Giorgio, 180, Passaic, N. J., outpointed Tony Manfredonia, 197, Bronx, and Mike Franco, 186½, West Side, beat Eddie Brown, 211¼, Bronx.

Tommy Varsos, 156¾, Milwaukee, tossed his fists too hard and too often for Buddy Jackson, 160½, Newark, and won unanimously in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-final, hard-hitting Jimmy Beau, 163½, Norwalk, Conn., celebrated his metropolitan debut by flattening Georgie Clark, 159½, Brooklyn, in 2:44 of the first. In sixes, Billy Murphy, 137, Brooklyn, whipped Manuel Dizon, 136½, San Antonio, Tex., and Terry Wagner, 158, Milwaukee, outpunched Sammy Thompson, 157½, West Side. In fours, Tony Rotondo, 139, West Side, decisioned Larry Cohen, 136½, Williamsburg, and Sonny Luciano, 142, Paterson, N. J., kayoed Felix Collazo, 143, Puerto Rico, in the third.

Winner of a split verdict in their previous meeting, Irish Paddy Young, 151¾, Greenwich Village, piled up a more convincing point total in his encore eight with Russell Howard, 146½, Yorkville, at Sunnyside Garden. Lou Rousse, 146, Astoria, whipped John Sabor, 147½, Scarsdale, in the semi-final six. In another six, Tom Englehardt, 152½, Astoria, outpunched Jim McGirt, 156½, East Side. In fours, Jack Kronowitz, 150½, East Side, had the better of Earl Peoples, 150½, Bronx; Harry Bryan, 160, Brooklyn, won over Al Renshaw, 166, Bronx, and Alfredo Rolas, 138½, Bronx, kayoed Frank Harris, 141¾, Miami, in the second.



The Cartier twin-brother act—boxer Walter and trainer Vincent—combined to ruin New York debut of Nebraska's Don Lee. Walter dropped Lee five times before massacre was halted in eighth.

For his New York debut, Harold (Baby Face), 136½, Detroit Irishman, was given Jimmy Carter, 134½, Bronx, as his opponent at the St. Nick Arena. It definitely was no favor to the visitor. Harold was down four times during the bout, twice from punches and twice from slips, but, at that, he made Carter hustle to take the decision in ten. A riotous semi-final wound up in the fourth when Irish Jimmy Flood, 161, unbeaten Yorkville slugger, flattened substitute Jimmy Snedeker, 156¼, Plainfield, N. J. In sixes, Mario Moreno, 143½, Ozone Park, was too strong for Mel Williams, 146¾, Trenton, N. J., and Jimmy Lee, 163, Cliffside, N. J., outpunched Bobby Brown, 160, Brooklyn. In fours, Jerry Cartwright, 118, Puerto Rico, whipped Hector Rodriguez, 123, Brooklyn, and Dave Green, 162½, Milwaukee, kayoed Alonzo Jones, 164¾, Raleigh, N. C., in the first.

Brownsville's belting beauty, Artie Levine, 165½, ran his latest knockout streak to five straight by polishing off Tom McKeagney, 170¾, Boston, in 1:29 of the eighth at the Eastern Parkway Arena. McKeagney was down for nine in the third, and in shipshape in the sixth. Armando Aminini, 156, Italy, outslugged Lou Gillespie, 153½, Ozone Park, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Johnny Lemmons, 124, Stamford, Conn., came back from a nine-count in the third to beat Murray Levine, 129, Bayonne, and Norman Horton, 160, Dayton, Ohio, decisioned Jerome Richardson, 160¾, West Side. David Green, 161½, Milwaukee, flattened Eddie Richardson, 166½, Paterson, in the first of a scheduled four.

In a final tuneup before leaving for England, Billy Graham, 144¾, flashy East Sider, had tough going to edge out Fitzie Pruden, 143, St. Catharines, Ont., in a busy ten at Manhattan Center. The Canadian youngster was ahead until the last three rounds, and Graham needed a fast finish to pull out in front. The Tournament of Champions' second card at the Center showed some improvement over its opener, the attendance registering 2,097 and the receipts $4,479. Tito Valles, 125, East Side, outfought Danny Martin, 130, Detroit, in the semi-final eight. Carmine Vitale, 160½, Jackson Heights, beat Jimmy Taylor, 157, Brooklyn, in six. Al Caprio, 145¼, Harlem, flattened Jimmy Suber, 147, Greenville, S. C., in the third; Vito Iacobellis, 145½, East Side, outpointed James Conroy, 144½, Bronx, in four, and Manuel Baptista, 125½, Garfield, N. J., defeated Henry Reyes, 127, Puerto Rico, in another four.

The rapid advance of Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 152¾, Bronx, was rudely halted by Bobby Mann, 155½, Trenton, N. J., in ten at the St. Nick Arena. Mann was too smart and clever for the willing Bronx youngster. Ray Lewis, 135½, Hawaii, went to a draw with the heavier Woody Windslow, 141, Harlem, in the semi-final eight. Another draw was given out in the six between Jimmy Demetrios, 147½, East Side, and Kenny Clark, 143½, Bronx. Larry Mujica, 135, Yorkville, was awarded a disputed decision over Nick Darby, 130½, Jamaica, in another six. In scheduled fours, Emerson (Chief) Charles, 155, Paterson, belted out Genaro Narvaes, 150, East Side, in the third, and Freddie Smith, 135, Harlem, stopped Stanley Hilliard, 135, Passaic, N. J., in the fourth.

The young Bronxite who does his winning as Paul Papesca and his losing as Paul O'Hara, used the former to outfight Mario Moreno, 143½, Ozone Park, in eight at the White Plains Community Center. Papesca scaled 144. Wilfred Dancosse, 118, Hartford, Conn., punched out a decision over Jimmy Watkins, 117, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six, while another six produced a kayo for Bill Feeney, 145½, Bayonne, N. J., who stopped Pat Smith, 144¾, Binghamton, N. Y., in the third. In fours, Harold Alle, 151½, St. Paul, split the verdict with Charley Brown, 156½, Harlem, and Dick Armstrong, 143, Hartford, finished in front of Frank Fischer, 145, Bronx.

One of the ranking contenders for Ray Robinson's welterweight title, Gene Burton, 143½, Bronx, showed before the home folks for the first time in nearly a year, and celebrated the occasion by whipping rugged Vern Lester, 146½, San Francisco, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. Armando Aminini, 156, Italy, outpointed Tom Englehardt, 152½, Astoria, in the semi-final six. In the prelims, Calvin Davis, 140½, Bronx, stopped Jack Bodarone, 147, Brazil, in the third; Tommy O'Connor, 164¾, Huntington, kayoed Vinnie Curresio, 160½, West Side, in the first, and Dick Crump, 129½, Bronx, decisioned Sammy Sanchez, 131, Bronx, in six.

Spotting height, reach and 23 pounds in weight, Bernie Reynolds, 185, Fairfield, Conn., proved too fast, too aggressive and too accurate a hitter for Gene Gosney, 208, Seminole, Okla., and Referee Eddie Joseph halted the affair in the seventh at the St. Nick Arena. Gosney made things interesting for Reynolds in the early rounds, but ran out of gas, and absorbed a terrific lacing in the sixth. He was still in bad shape at the start of the seventh, and Joseph wisely called a halt. Joe Lindsay, 185, Brooklyn, drew with Jimmy Holden, 188, Elizabeth, N. J., in a punishing semi-final eight. Gene Salisbury, 144½, North Bergen, N. J., punched Lenny Durham, 143, Brooklyn, half blind in a scheduled six, and Dr. Vincent Nardiello, Commission physician, refused to permit Durham to come out for the third. Jimmy Leslie, 156, Bronx, whipped Lenny Trader, 156, New Haven, in another six. In fours, Genaro Narvaes, 149, Puerto Rico, overcame a knockdown in the third to take the decision over Gerry Fura, 146, West Side, and Sal Belloise, 161½, Bronx, younger brother of Steve, beat Jimmy Edwards, 163½, Harlem.

Highlight of the card supporting the Ike Williams-Kid Gavilan brawl in Madison Square Garden was the kayo chalked up in the semi-final by young Johnny Kaufman, 144¾, Rochester, at the expense of the veteran George LaRover, 143½, Philadelphia. Referee Eddie Joseph stopped the bout in the fourth. It was Kaufman's third knockout in as many starts in the Garden. Orlando Zulueta, 134, a Gavilan stablemate, was awarded a disputed decision over Lou Joyce, 135½, Gary, Ind., in six. In another six, Billy Murphy, 133½, Brooklyn, outclassed Lou Castrilli, 134, Bronx, and the massacre was halted in the third. In fours, Rocco Fusco, 127½, Staten Island, decisioned Johnny Graham, 131¾, Paterson, N. J., and Sal Belloise, 160½, Bronx, whipped Joe Cartigna, 155½, Brooklyn. The attendance was 15,125 and the gross $57,195.

His previous streak snapped after he had run off 13 straight wins, Johnny Breitenbruck, 147½, Ridgewood, got back on the right trail by halting Tommy Ciarlo, 146, Waterbury, Conn., in 1:29 of the fourth at the Ridgewood Grove. Steve Klepis, 158, Clifton, N. J., decisioned Norman Kelly, 156¾, Detroit, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Tommy Warnock, 144, Brooklyn, whipped Willie Serrano, 140½, Puerto Rico, and Roger Donahue, 150, Yonkers, outfought Johnny Darby, 149½, Paterson, N. J. In fours, Stanley Hilliard, 134, Passaic, N. J., drew with Carmine Fiore, 134½, Greenpoint, and Joe Conigliaro, 148, East New York, outpointed Joe Colona, 145, Marine Park.

Up-and-coming Joe Miceli, 140½, East Side, extended his current winning skein to ten in a row by whipping Johnny LaRusso, 138½, Bronx, in a rugged eight at the Broadway Arena. Joey Varoff, 141, East Side, outpointed Carlin Scott, 142, Bronx, in six. In another six, Justin Johnson, 137½, Brooklyn, outfought Charley Donovan, 136, East Side. In the other prelims, Armand Russo, 128½, East Side, decisioned a neighborhood rival, George Leirch, 125½, in four; Ernie Gengil, 154¾, Scranton, Pa., kayoed Charley Perkins, 155, Virgin Islands, in the second, and Bob Tighe, 154¾, Brooklyn, stopped another Brooklynite, Tony Cenano, 159, in the fourth.

An encore of a riotous semi-final in the same ring two weeks previously brought back Irish Jimmy Flood, 159½, Yorkville, and Jimmy Snedeker, 152½, Plainfield, N. J., in a top eight at the St. Nick Arena, and this time Flood had to go the full route to win. Irish Jimmy had Snedeker down once in the fifth and three times in the sixth, but couldn't keep him there. Georgie LaFalgio, 131, Bronx, flattened Danny Martin, 132, Detroit, in the fifth of the semi-final. Two other five-round kayoes were registered by Bobby Morgan, 154½, Elmhurst, who stopped Harold Alle, 150¾, St. Paul, and Carlin Scott, 141½, Bronx, who halted Al Caprio, 143½, also of the Bronx. In fours, Ray Cruz, 154½, Brooklyn, outpointed Jerry Tell, 154¾, Bronx, and Larry Johnson, 146, Buffalo, whipped Jimmy Nickens, 145¼, Bronx.

Making his first start in six months, Joey Brocato, 134¾, East Side, showed the effects of his

long layoff, and had tough going to earn a draw with Harry Diduck, 131¾, Brooklyn, in six at the Jamaica Arena. Brocato had all the better of the early going, but faded at the half-way mark, and Diduck came on strong in the closing rounds to square the count. In other sixes, Joe Rigano, 126½, Ozone Park, whipped Hector Rodriguez, 124, Brooklyn, and Jay Parlin, 136, Philadelphia, edged out Johnny Moran, 133, Bronx. In fours, Frankie DeGeorge, 133½, Greenwich Village, outpointed Tony Basso, 139¾, East New York; Matthew Daniels, 163, Washington, D. C., grabbed a decision over Frankie Del Gado, 160½, Panama City, and Julie Colon, 124, East New York, drew with Armando Rosa, 127, Bronx.

The 3,055 clients who jammed the Eastern Parkway Arena for a peek at Steve Belloise were given little more than they paid for—a peek. Steve didn't waste any time polishing off the ringworn Henry Chemel of Portland, Me. The Bronxite, who scaled 162 to his opponent's 163, blasted Chemel to the canvas twice in the first and once in the second before Referee Jack Watson decided to halt the carnage. Al Renshaw, 157½, Bronx, decisioned Nat Blum, 161½, Brownsville, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Bobby Tighe, 154, Bay Ridge, outlasted Mike Azadian, 153½, Bronx, and Marvin Dick, 130½, Brownsville, outboxed Joe Gamby, 128½, Coney Island. Bobby Campbell, 143¾, Williamsburg, outpointed Don Scalzo, 142, Bronx, in four.

A nasty gash over the left eye of Vinnie Cidone, 154½, Coney Island, resulted in a kayo win for rangy Bill Daly, 155½, Brookline, Mass., at the Broadway Arena. The cut, opened in the third by one of Daly's stinging lefts, was bleeding so profusely by the end of the fifth that Cidone was not permitted to come out for the sixth. Robert E. Miller, 146, Harlem, clipped Kenny Clark, 141½, Bronx, with a right midway through the second round of the semi-final, and that was that. Murray Levine, 130, Bayonne, won over Clifton Bordies, 126, Bay Ridge, in one of the sixes, while Benny Smith, 133, Hartford, outpointed Bruno Lijoi, 136, Brooklyn, in another. In fours, Louis Quiles, 138, Puerto Rico, beat Willie Williams, 137½, Harlem, and Mike Sobel, 170½, Montreal, stopped Tommy O'Connor, 165½, Huntington, in the first.

Business continued on the up-grade at Manhattan Center, where the Tournament of Champions' third show, topped by Paddy DeMarco and Humberto Sierra, played to 2,710 customers and a gate of $6,106. It was Sierra's first appearance in a New York ring, and the Cuban found DeMarco's roughhouse tactics too much to handle. Paddy mauled and butted his way to the decision in a sloppy ten. The Brooklynite scaled 134½ to Sierra's 133¾. Archie Devino, 125¾, Newark, stopped Filberto Osario, 124½, Puerto Rico, in the last round of the semi-final eight. In sixes, Hurley Sanders, 155½, Newark, outpointed Tom Englehardt, 153, Astoria, and Eddie Marmo, 163½, Paterson, decisioned Tony Johnson, 165, East Side. In fours, Joe Conegliaro, 147¾, Ozone Park, drew with Bill Chappy, 145½, Greenpoint, and Carmine Fiore, 139½, Williamsburg, outfought Willie Serrano, 140, Puerto Rico.

Tony LaBua, 137½, Ozone Park, had rugged going to grab a close decision over Jay White, 134½, Jersey City, in a top eight at Sunnyside Garden. In a pair of sixes, Joey Fredda, 136, Maspeth, outpointed Manuel Dizon, 134½, San Antonio, and Johnny Carr, 127, Bronx, had the better of the milling with Jose Garcia, 127¾, Puerto Rico. Two of the fours were abbreviated by kayoes, Jimmy Edwards, 160½, Harlem, stowing away Gerald Maher, 159½, West Side, in the first, and Benny Laros, 173, Jackson Heights, putting the quietus on Louis Jackson, 165, Bronx, in the second. In another four, Jackie Krulewicz, 150½, East Side, punched out a decision over Mike Adadiano, 152½, Bronx.

Surviving a nine-count knockdown in the fourth, Irish Paddy Young, 150¼, Greenwich Village, came on to hand Frankie Palermo, 147½, Bronx, a vicious shellacking at the St. Nick Arena, and Referee Barney Felix wisely halted the Pier 6 brawl in the eighth, with Palermo practically helpless. Caesar Brion, 198½, Argentina, copped the verdict over Phil Alston, 190, Roslyn, in a slow semi-final eight. In sixes, Steve King, 187, and Sylvester Salter, 191, rival Brooklynites, went to a draw, and Durante Coletti, 133½, Italy, outmauled Larry Mujica, 134, Yorkville. One punch was all that Mel Goldsmith, 142½, Bronx, needed to starch George Solfakis, 138, Brooklyn, in a scheduled four. The time was 23 seconds. Roy Cruz, 153½, Brooklyn, outmauled Lenny Queen, 149½, Jamaica, in a comedy four.

Tommy Varsos, 157, Milwaukee, who has become one of the club's main attractions this season, chalked up another win at the Ridgewood Grove by polishing off Mike Santonino, 153, Corona, in the third of a scheduled eight. Another Milwaukeean, Terry Wagner, 158½, didn't fare so well in the semi-final six; he was beaten by Jimmy Walters, 160¾, East New York. Ray Bryan, 159, Brooklyn, stiffened Bobby Brown, 160, also of Brooklyn, in the fourth of another six. An affair between Lou Russo, 147, Astoria, and Jim Suber, 146½, Greenville, N. C., was tagged "no contest" in the fourth. Manuel Baptista, 125, Portugal, outpointed Freddie Sapone, 123, Brooklyn, in one four, while another wound up in the second when Sonny Luciano, 143, Paterson, flattened Bill Chappy, 146½, Brooklyn.

Levinsky, Palmer, Zazzarino, Former Ring Stars, Pass On

JUST as this issue of THE RING was going to press, the news flashed to the world that three former ring stars—Battling Levinsky, clever Philadelphia light-heavyweight; Pedlar Palmer, great British bantamweight, and Leonard (Young) Zazzarino, colorful Jersey City lightweight—had passed away.

In the next issue, the story of Levinsky's long career, which stretched from 1910 to 1929, and embraced battles with all the headliners of the era, will be related by Jersey Jones.

Nat Fleischer will tell of Palmer's bid for the world bantam title, and his dramatic meeting with Terry McGovern in Tuckahoe, N. Y., in 1899.

Zazzarino's career was a brief one, but spectacular while it lasted. The Rocky Graziano of his day, Zazz became an overnight sensation in 1929 with his rip-tearing style and thunderous punching, but he dropped out of the limelight almost as quickly after Al Singer flattened him in Madison Square Garden.

Repeating the win he had registered in their previous meeting at the Jamaica Arena a few months before, Billy Murphy, 134½, fast-coming Brooklyn youngster, outfought Jimmy Watkins, 135½, New London, Conn., in a hard-punching eight at the St. Nick Arena. Murphy dropped Watkins three times during the scuffle. In a co-feature eight, Gene Boland, 158, Scranton, was credited with a kayo over Henry Holt, 159, Danbury, Conn., when the referee stopped the affair in the fifth because of an ugly swelling over Holt's right eye. In sixes, Sam Thompson, 161, Bronx, whipped Charley Brown, 154½, Harlem, and Jerry Cartwright, 120, Bronx, drew with Mickey Young, 122½, Flint, Mich. Fours produced decisions for Joe Giacobbe, 141, over a fellow-Brooklynite, Larry Pesonen, 137½, and Arthur Skinner, 156, Bronx, over Lee Patrick, 160¾, St. Louis.

Freddie Menna, 153, Jamaica, batted a "perfect" score against his local rival, Ray Solomon, 146, in a one-sided eight at the Jamaica Arena. Solomon, a preliminary kid, didn't belong in the same ring with Menna, who was credited with every round on the scorecards of all three officials. Far behind in the semi-final, Jimmy Taylor, 156, East Side, pulled one out of the bag with a spectacular kayo of Carmine Vitale, 158½, Jackson Heights, in the sixth heat of the semi-final. In a scheduled six, Steve Belloise's kid brother, Sal, 161, was given a win over Casi Shimkovich, 160½, the Polish refugee, when the latter was disqualified in the third for rough tactics.

Smarter boxing and sharper punching gave Leo Milito, 135½, the edge in a bristling eight with aggressive Paulie Jackson, 136, Reading, Pa., at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Referee Al Bertl stopped the semi-final in the seventh, with Joey Varoff, 140, East Side, a kayo winner over Jay White, 136½, Jersey City. In sixes, Bobby James, 158½, Harlem, had the better of Leon Gabriel, 154, Atlantic City, and Walter Haines, 139, Brooklyn, chalked up a quick win over Willie Stevenson, 132, Bronx, Referee Morris Goodman calling a halt after Stevenson had gone down for the second time. Jimmy Burgos, 149½, Puerto Rico, split the honors with Jimmy Nickens, 145, Harlem, in four.

Facing the stiffest test of his brief but highly-successful career, Joe Miceli, 141, youthful East Sider, came through in spectacular fashion by stopping experienced Willie Beltram, 138, Bronx, at the Broadway Arena. Down for nine-counts in the third and fourth, Beltram was in bad shape when Referee Abe Simon halted the affair in 47 seconds of the fifth. The semi-final also wound up with a kayo, Joe Petrovich, 140, Scranton, putting the quietus on Robert Miller, 145, Bronx, in the fourth. Another Bob Miller, 134½, Hackensack, drew with Louis Quiles, 138, Puerto Rico, in six.

The New York debut of Don Lee, 160, Edison, Neb., was utterly ruined by Walter Cartier, 160¾, Bronx, who used him for a punching bag at Manhattan Casino. Revealing little more than gameness, Lee was outclassed from the start. Cartier dropped him once in the fifth, twice in the sixth and twice more in the seventh before Referee Jack Appel put a finish to the massacre. Al Winn, 167, Bronx, won handily over Johnny Bassett, 172½, West Side, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Al Wilson, 143, Englewood, N. J., stopped Dave Peters, 142, Harlem, in the second, and Terry Wagner, 161¼, West Side, flattened Andy Fowler, 157½, Brooklyn, for the full count in the fourth. In fours, Jack Krulewicz, 150¾, East Side, shaded Mike Azadian, 150½, Bronx, and Tommy O'Connor, 160½, East Side, halted Jimmy Edwards, 158½, Greenwich Village, in the final stanza.

Mike Kobella, 148½, Pittsburgh, and Bobby Baldwin, 151, Englewood, N. J., were the winners in a pair of eights at the White Plains Community Center. Kobella won all the way over Eddie Ocasio, 152, Bronx, but Baldwin had tough going to edge out Johnny Crosby, 160, Bronx. Three of the four prelims produced kayoes, Harry Marshall, 136½, Binghamton, N. Y., finishing Jimmy Donnelly, 141, Astoria, in the third; Dave Green, 161, Milwaukee, putting away Danny Ventre, 166, Stamford, Conn., in the third, and Tony Pignatore, 145½, South Norwalk, Conn., doing likewise to Harvey Freedman, 143, Bronx. In a six, Justin Johnson, 137½, Brooklyn, outpointed Freddie Latson, 141, St. Louis.

Angelo Morganti, 141, Astoria, slugged his way to a draw with Joey Carkido, 142, Youngstown, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. In two sixes, Al Renshaw, 156, Bronx, outpointed Bobby Morgan, 153, Elmhurst, and Nick Young, 124½, Flint, Mich., had the better of Johnny Lemmons, 123, Stamford, Conn. A trio of Canadians from Montreal ran off a 2-1 score in other prelims, Mickey Sobol, 170½, kayoing Benny LaRosa, 171½, Jackson Heights, in the second, and Tony Romano, 117½, outscoring Rafael Romero, 119, Mexico, in four, while the third member of the invading forces, Lou Tauro, 137½, was stopped by Alfredo Rojas, 135, Bronx, in the second.

Another Connecticut featherweight favorite, Eddie Compo, 130½, New Haven, made it a perfect night for Nutmeg Staters by whipping Eduardo Carrasco, 131, Peru, in the eight-round semi-final to the Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler title brawl in Madison Square Garden. Showing for the first time in a New York ring, Del Flanagan, 133½, St. Paul, looked good in stopping Walter Moley, 138, Blasdell, N. Y., in the fourth. Charley Angelee, 153½, Kings Mountain, N. C., whipped Frankie Cordino, 152½, Toronto, in six, while fours produced decisions for Johnny (Sonny) Luciano, 141½, Paterson, over Mel Goldsmith, 142, Bronx, and Larry Mujica, 133, Yorkville, over Nick Darby, 132½, Jamaica.

That corker from Cork, Pat O'Connor, 165½, proved too durable for Joe Governale, 165, Brooklyn, in a roughhouse eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Caesar Brion, 196, Buenos Aires, kayoed Johnny Melko, 206, Worcester, Mass., in the third of the semi-final. In sixes, Jimmy Walls, 188, Englewood, N. J., decisioned Charley Babcock, 177, Bangor, Me., and Tony Johnson, 166, East Side, whipped Matthew Daniels, 164, Harlem. In fours, Bobby Wilson, 158, Oklahoma, outpunched Frank Del Gado, 161, Harlem, and Stanley Hilliard, 131, Passaic, N. J., drew with Mazzarano Vitale, 135, New Haven, Conn.

The parade of "new faces" in New York rings continued at the St. Nick Arena, where six-foot two-inch J. T. Ross, 159½, San Jose, Calif., celebrated his Gotham debut with an impressive kayo over shifty Randy Brown, 161, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in the last round of a scheduled ten. With a busy, aggressive style, Ross gave Brown a good going-over before Referee Frank Fullam finally called a halt. Another San Jose entry, Felix Ramirez, 129, drew with Jose Gardenas, 127½, Mexico, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Jay Parlin, 136, Philadelphia, whipped Bobby Timpson, 136, Youngstown, and Art McKenzie, 147, Bronx, drew with Jack Boderone, 148, Brazil. In fours, Max Osario, 123, Puerto Rico, decisioned Vito Celantano, 123, Staten Island, and Mike Sobel, 169, East Side, kayoed Clarence Wood, 164, Bronx, in the first.

The best performance of his youthful career so far was chalked up by Brownsville's latest favorite, unbeaten 18-year-old Georgie Kaplan, 181, in edging out a close decision over Dom Mogard, 188, Toronto, at the Eastern Parkway Arena. The bout was limited to six rounds because of Kaplan's age. Bob Isler, 171, Harlem, decisioned Art Henri, 184½, Long Island City, in the semi-final six. In supporting numbers, Benny Smith, 134, Hartford, Conn., flattened Hubert Winfield, 134, Hempstead, in the fifth; Bob Tighe, 153, Bay Ridge, whipped Emerson Charles, 153, Paterson, in six; Jack Krulewicz, 148, East Side, outpunched Genaro Narvaes, 149, Puerto Rico, in four, and Oscar Lewis, 140, Newark, drew with Bill Chappy, 142, Brooklyn, over the same distance.

Running off his sixth straight win since returning to the ring last fall after a year's absence, Leo Milito, 133, popular East Sider, outpointed Harry Diduck, 134, Brooklyn, in a lively eight at the Jamaica Arena. In the semi-final six, Gilberto Gomez, 131, El Paso, Tex., had the better of a punchfest with Murray Levine, 127¼, Bayonne. Other sixes resulted in a decision for Freddie Lott, 157, Newark, over Jimmy Taylor, 154, East New York, and an even-up verdict for Billy Proctor, 124½, Harrisburg, Pa., and Johnny Lemmons, 123, Stamford, Conn.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA

By WALT MARLOW

FIGHTING before a capacity crowd of 2300, Irish Jimmy Nolan of Calgary romped off with the Western Canada welterweight championship when he scored a convincing ninth round kayo over Johnny Roberts of Winnipeg.

Roberts, who won the title a year ago in the same Calgary ring, was behind from the opening bell as the youthful Nolan hammered him at will. After building up a wide margin in the initial five rounds, Nolan began a savage body attack in the late rounds, and after flooring the Winnipeger for a nine count early in the ninth stanza, finished him off a few seconds later with a right to the head. Promoted by Ernie Farr, the fight was held on January 20.

In the six-round semi-final, Ernie Kemick decisioned Billy Green, while in another six, Rufus Goodstriker copped a split decision over Hal Kilgour. The four-rounders wound up as follows: Steve Gangor decisioned Clint Murphy, Big Jock McLean scored a kayo over John Henry Bean in the third, and in the opener, Gerry Clippelly decisioned George Clements.

Vancouver, Jan. 20—Promoter Al Principe started 1949 off with one of the biggest upsets to take place in Vancouver in a number of years when rugged Roy Wouters, the Western Canada middleweight champion, went down to defeat to Billy Corbett of Sedro Wooley, Wash. Fighting away below his usual form, Wouters was never able to reach his usual stride in the ten-round affair. Scored on a points basis, the tally was 44-44, 44-50 and 45-49. A poor house, 1753, paid $2,975.50 to see the card.

In the eight-round semi, a real Pier Six brawl, Hal Robbins, 143, Vancouver, and Dick Wolfe, 145, Portland, battled to a torrid draw.

The preliminary events saw Terry Forrest, 136, Vancouver, K.O. Les Webb, 137, Portland, in two; Bill Brenner, 155, Vancouver, stopped Eddie Johan, 154, Portland, in three, while Jerris Jamel, 173, put the crusher on Kelly Jackson, 163, Portland, in four.

Vancouver, Feb. 3—The new bantamweight sensation of the Pacific Coast, Stan Almond, attached another kayo to his imposing record when he iced Henry Caravalho of Oakland, Cal., in the seventh of a scheduled ten.

Almond had his man on the canvas for a nine count in the first, and although he was in trouble in the fourth and fifth, finally finished Caravalho off in the seventh.

In the other two ten-rounders of the all-star card, Jackie Turner scored a decision over Tommy Rhett, and Blackie Vanderveer of Seattle copped the nod over Hal Robbins of Vancouver.

Turner, fighting his best fight in months, was his old self in taking the measure of the highly regarded Rhett. Turner tipped the scales at 115, and Rhett 113.

Blackie Vanderveer had Hal Robbins on the canvas in the sixth and had it not been for the bell, Robbins would have been knocked out. Robbins finished strongly, but fell a shade short of copping the decision.

In the four-round opener, Terry Forrest continued to win with a decision call over Monte Montgomery.

The card drew 1489, and paid $2,381.50.

Unattached fighters, contact the writer if you want action. We can be reached at 1165 Davie Street, Vancouver, Canada.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

JOEY PARKS, former St. Louis light-heavy contender, has been placed in charge of the first of Promoter Hugh Benbow's five free gyms, which is a part of his gigantic boxing program for Houston. . . . Buddy Garcia looked good in whipping Chief Gordon House. . . . Texas fans are closely following the progress of young Bobby Dykes, who has racked up more than a dozen wins at Miami, Fla. . . . El Paso has a hot bantam rivalry between three local lads, Jesus Fonseca, Hector Marquez and Rudolfo Villa. All three possess class and are still kids, so to speak.

Bert Linam, Austin welter, and Manager Charlie Nohra are reported feuding, and in a court battle. . . . Jackie Lawrence, Galveston welterweight protege of Buddy Garcia, is the class of the Golden Glovers we've seen, and should go far as a pro. Buddy, incidentally, has opened a swell gym in the Island City and is teaching a host of good-looking youngsters. . . . The writer will resume publication of the local boxing mag, "The Ringsider," as regular shows get under way this spring.

Here are the month's fights:

At El Paso—Alfonso Lopez, 125, decisioned Hector Rios, 119, four. Johnny Crnkovich, 142, kayoed Luis Haro, 140, one. Angel Grado, 126, decisioned Paul Guerrero, 124, four. Bill Henderson, 131, kayoed Sammy Galvan, 129, one. Jesus Fonseca, 121, decisioned Valentin Alvarado, 117, ten.

At Corpus Christi—Howard Lewis, 125, decisioned Eugene Longoria, 125, four. Abel Rodriguez, 137, kayoed Willie Calcate, 140, four. Gilbert Abrego, 128, decisioned Charlie Neff, 129, four. Tommy Ramirez, 147, decisioned Charlie Miller, 150, six. Tony Elizondo, 162, kayoed Jerry Sargent, 154, four.

At Houston—Harry Silverberg, 137, decisioned C. S. Rogers, 135, four. Jimmy DeLeon, 145, kayoed Tomas Varela, 144, two. Reynoldo Ramon, 140, decisioned Herschel Wallace, 142, six. Joe Garcia, 127, decisioned Roberto Garza, 127, eight. Buddy Garcia, 141, decisioned Gordon House, 138, ten.

At Greenville—Ted Agapion, 143, T.K.O.'ed Pascual Castillo, 150, three. Jimmy DeLeon, 147, decisioned Willie Calcate, 147, six. Carl Griffin, 190, kayoed Gearl Vaughn, 190, one. Reecy Davis, 157, kayoed James Sweatt, 155, two (Negro champion).

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

SAN FRANCISCO finds itself in the midst of a boxing boom! The fight game in this area, after a poor late year season, has returned close to normal.

Under the promotion of Louie Thomas, the Mission district's little National Hall was reopened for business. Thomas and William B. Kyne, local race track magnet, have done a grand job in practically rebuilding the old "bucket of blood" arena. They completely overhauled the club and have increased the seating capacity to about 1,800, of which almost every seat can be considered a ringside chair. The first show brought together Mario Trigo, switch-hitting Los Angeles Mexican, and Benny Calla, rugged Oakland club fighter, in the ten-round main-event. They fought to a draw. Calla scaled 138, Trigo 136.

In the semi-windup, Mongo Luciano, Butchertown's pride, outslugged taller Billy Epps, Oakland Negro, in a six-round donnybrook. It was Mongo's third straight win over the Oaklander. Frankie Romero scored a quick one-round knockout over Frank Dozel in 1:05. Esau Ferdinand copped the duke over Billy McGee in four. Fidel Ortiz won a close decision from Earl Flynn, and Joe Simms battled to a draw with Dick Carillo in four.

Promoter Benny Ford's opening show at the Coliseum Bowl for 1949 drew a full house to watch Dave Whitlock, unbeaten Negro heavyweight, score a unanimous, but close ten-round decision over Grant Butcher, former amateur star, in a fast and pleasing encounter.

Butcher, making his first main go start, was very impressive, regardless of the final outcome.

The house grossed $6,375, the biggest crowd to witness a scrap at this arena since Fred Apostoli started his comeback here late in 1946.

Mongo Luciano, 149½, won a corking six-round slugfest from Billy Epps, 149, in the semi-final.

Frankie Romero, up-and-coming lightweight, stopped Bobby Cruz on a technical knockout in the three rounds. Bob Patterson, 164, decisioned Roy Voris, 171, in four. Andy Walker, heavyweight, halted Milo Latkovich in the first round.

John L. Davis, rugged Oakland Negro lightweight, won a dull and listless ten-round decision from Irving Steen, San Diego, at the Oakland Auditorium.

In the semi-final, Bobby Jones and Erskine (Socko) Howell, middleweight, put on a slugging duel with the former winning the decision. Felix Coleman, lightweight, won over Frank Dobales in four. Frankie Brown defeated Woody Harper in four (welterweights). Billy McGee bested Esau Ferdinand in the curtain raiser.

Two little bantamweights, Luis Castillo and Rudolpho Villa put on a miniature war with the former gaining a unanimous decision in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl.

Archie Whitewater, Los Angeles Negro welterweight, defeated Bobby Burgess of Oakland in six rounds of the semi.

Earl Turner, Richmond, Cal., veteran, reversed a previous loss by outpointing Clyde Coyhis, Los Angeles slugger, in ten fast rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Fast rising Johnny Gonzales, 139½, kept his unbeaten record intact by outclassing Tommy Petty, 139, in six rounds. Johnny floored Petty in the first and gave his Negro rival a thorough lacing through the remaining five rounds.

Frankie Sequiera, 121, decisioned Frank Dobales, 126, in four. Grover Jackson, 154, defeated Carlos Martinez, 158, in four, and Ernie Pacheco, 140, won from Woody Harper in another four.

Experience again scored over youth when Enrico Bertola, rugged Italian heavyweight champion, used his ring savvy to earn him the ten-round decision over up-and-coming Ray Stevens at the Coliseum Bowl.

The semi-windup, featuring Alex Amador and Buster Chikami was a donnybrook. The boys slugged each other silly but neither had the strength for the final blow. Amador was awarded the decision, but, as usual, in a slugfest the fans booed freely.

Zeke Lucero, 129, nodded Marlin Edwards, 127, easily in six rounds. Mike Martinez, 131, copped over Mannie Perez, 129, in the four-round opener. The house grossed $5,743.

Taking over from where they left off in the amateur circles, Grant Butcher and Johnny O'Neill, game Oakland Irishman, fought their rubber match in the main-event at the National Hall before a near capacity crowd.

In the semi, Bobby Jones outboxed Erskine Howell for six rounds to gain the decision.

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EIRE NEWS

By FINBAR BARRY

MORTY KELLEHER, Cork, 129, decisioned Johnnie French, Eastleigh, 131, over eight thrilling rounds. Morty piled up a very comfortable points lead in the first five heats but really let loose in the sixth, when he knocked French clean out of the ring.

On the same card, and at the featherweight limit, Sean Murphy of Cork was outpointed by Hocky Holdsworth of Slough.

In a middleweight setto, Jimmie Ingle, Dublin, forced Jackie Brown, Doncaster to retire after three sessions. Ingle was very impressive, his body-punching being first-class. Brown fought courageously, but was completely outclassed.

Our lightweight king, Paddy Dowdall, was declared the victor over Dick Levers, Chesterfield, who retired after four rounds with a leg cramp. Levers opened well, but ring-wise Dowdall was coming out strongly just prior to the termination of the contest.

In a really enjoyable featherweight contest, Bertie Todd, Belfast, kayoed Denny Dennis in the sixth round. Todd was floored several times during the first four sessions, but quickly turned the tide with his very accurate, hard punching.

Jimmie Murray, Cork, outpointed Harry Darly (Earlsfield) at 126 lbs. Mick Coughlan lost to Harry Thorley at the welterweight limit. In the lightweight class, Joe Worthington, Dundalk, decisioned Danny Walsh, Belfast, and Mickey McLoughlin outpointed Chris Hardy, Dublin.

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GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By SGT. J. A. TREE

MAX SCHMELING is now carrying out the duties of a referee. He always draws a crowd wherever he turns up.

Peter Muller, a promising middleweight, was knocked out in 83 seconds by Dieter Hucks in Berlin. The most promising light-heavy now in Germany is Schirrman, the ex-amateur champion. He is undefeated in the paid ranks.

After a quiet time of boxing in this country, Carl Schulmeister put on a lively show at the Allotria to a full house. The bill was topped by Richard Grupe against Choma. Grupe won by a knockout in the first session. He was in grand form and outclassed his man.

Schirrman won again, this time by a knockout in the first round over Kadduk, sparring partner to Hein ten Hoff.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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his native title, the Scottish flyweight championship, in May, 1934.

"In his last fight he was knocked out in three rounds by Aurel Toma. His plans for a comeback were foiled by the British Boxing Board of Control's doctors who declared that Lynch had a high blood pressure. The same complaint barred the wee Scot from the services so he took on other war work.

"All his ring earnings were frittered away, and given away, to the swarm who always flock around money like wasps around the jampot. But in the days of need, those he had helped, ignored him, and poor Benny died in poverty in a Glasgow hospital on July 31, 1946."

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

ROUGH and rugged Nick Barone, pride of the Syracuse light-heavyweight brigade, bulled and slugged his way through ten torrid rounds with Tommy Yarosz, classy Pittsburgh boxer, in one of the most exciting main bouts of the New Year at the Coliseum. Nick made it a fight by carrying the battle to flashy Tommy, but the Smoky City dandy went home with the decision. A crowd of 5,760 fans paid $9,920.50 to view the scrap and were in a perpetual uproar from start to finish. Referee Tony Petta voted five rounds for Yarosz, four tabbed for Barone with one even. Judge Kimball's card was scored the same way; while Judge Ritchie Fazio saw it 6-4 for Tommy.

Yarosz made a tremendous hit with the fans. He moves fast, punches with lightning speed and is quick to take instant advantage. The class and polish of Yarosz made Barone look clumsy at times, but without Nick courageously boring in all the time the fight would not have been the thriller it was. Barone was far from disgraced by his showing. Nick has been belting over sluggers for the past several months, none of them of the class and calibre of Yarosz. We thought Barone was over-trained for the scrap as he appeared to be stiff in the first few rounds but as the bout progressed Nick got underway and accounted for some heavy body punishment. They will be talking about this battle for a long time as it really was one of the best this man's town has enjoyed in a long time.

Edwin T. (Eddie) Gallagher, used dat Ole Debbill "Magic" and pulled some preliminary talent out of an old worn hat for the undercard. Joey Kushner, veteran local featherweight, drew with Archie Goodbee, Hartford, Connecticut Negro lightweight, in the six-round semi-final. Goodbee floored Kushner in the first but Joey made it at four and came back flinging leather. Goodbee worked Joey over at times, Kushner landing now and then with his famed "Mary Ann", but Joey's portside thunder was not as effective against the fleet-footed Goodbee.

Natie Brown, 145, Syracuse, stopped Larry Johnson, 145, Buffalo, in the first; Ernest Drummer, 160, Syracuse, halted Billy Fisher, 165, Williamsport, Pa., in two; Ken Frymire, 161, Williamsport, Pa., put away Don Scaccia, 161, Rome, in two, while Ted Vedder, 145, Albany, ran into a right propelled by Bobby Smith, 147, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and was kayoed in two.

Joey DeJohn added Knockout Victory number 13 to his list at Buffalo, when the chunky little Syracusan stopped Oswaldo Silva of Brazil, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round star bout. One of Joey's crushing left-hooks opened a six-inch gash over the Brazilian's eye to cause the referee to halt the uneven contest. The explosive, colorful DeJohn swarmed all over Silva.

Prior to flattening Silva, Joey DeJohn knocked out Lou Valles, New York boxer, in 1:34 of the first round of a fight scheduled for ten rounds at Memorial Auditorium. Twelve thousand fans saw the contest and were thrilled to the core by the powerful punching powers of Joe Netro's sensational young middleweight star. This youngster goes into the Garden for his next start and the Gotham fans are going to see a little dynamo in action when Joey toes the scratch against Pete Mead.

Showing improved form and punching skill, Cliff Hart, 147, Syracuse, was awarded a popular ten-round decision over Irish Jimmy Saunders, 147, Pittsburgh, before an enthusiastic crowd of 3,863 fans at the Coliseum. A gate of $6,700 was enjoyed by the Central City Sporting Club owners, who produced as usual, a fine action card. A co-feature showed Baby-face Harold Jones, Detroit lightweight, a knockout winner over Johnny Chatman, Buffalo Negro, in the first round. Ross Virgo, Rochester's Olympic star, outpointed Rollie Johns, Syracuse lightweight, in a fast six-round contest, studded with knockdowns. Jones was the boy on the canvas but he got back up every time and put up a game battle. Carmen Baccillio, Canastota, knocked out Ernest Hall, Cleveland, in the first round of a scheduled six; while Jimmy Evans, Auburn feather, and Frankie Basil of Albany, drew in a hot four-rounder.

Jimmy Evans, the Auburn favorite, whose style makes him popular wherever he shows, beat LeRoy Ponzi, Hazelton lightweight, in a four-round preliminary to the Rocky Castellani-Al (Red) Priest ten at Scranton, Pa. Castellani won the verdict before a crowd of 4,364 who paid $14,838 to see the show.

A couple of good "Joes", Joey Taylor and Joey Kushner, won their bouts at Binghamton's Kalurah Temple. Taylor, 158½, Binghamton, carried off a ten-round unanimous decision over Tough Tony Masciarelli, 162, New York, in the star bout. Kushner, 132, Syracuse, Irv Robbin's belting beauty, floored Georgie Wright, 131, Philadelphia, for two nine counts in the first round, but the Quaker City boxer got up and went the route.

A sell-out crowd jammed Binghamton's Kalurah Temple to watch this same Taylor take a ten-round decision over Syracuse's Nick Barone, in a rough, hard-hitting battle. The Taylor win came as a big surprise. Barone fought the entire ten rounds with a bad right hand and was unable to keep the up and coming young Parlor City thumper off. A return go is in the making for Syracuse.

Other Binghamton results: Tough Tony Masciarelli, 163, New York, scored a T.K.O. over Bobby Lakin, 159, Jamaica, in the third round of their scheduled ten. Masciarelli had Lakin down three times in the third causing Referee Pete Minnow to call a halt in accordance with State Athletic Commission rules which stipulate that a boxer floored three times in any round is technically knocked out. Billy Patterson, 151, Binghamton, knocked out Art Tate, 155, Cleveland, in the first. Jerry Kortright, 118, fought a slashing draw with Castro Cauldron, 120, Puerto Rico, in six. Jackie Krulewicz, 147, New York, decisioned Johnny Nickens, 145, New York, in six; Wayne Fisher, 163, Williamsport, Pa., outpointed Chuck Williams, 167, Baltimore, in the four-round opener.

Left-Hooks: Bill Robinson, one-time Trainer of Baby Joe Gans, California Negro welterweight, passed away here a few weeks ago. . . . All during Bill's long illness Henny Andrews paid his living expenses and saw to it Bill always had pocket money. . . . Irv Robbins is training a dozen youngsters for the annual Golden Gloves. . . . Chic Feldman, Scranton Sports Editor, calls Irving "Mr. Syracuse". . . . Robbins gets around the country with his big stable of fighters. . . . Joey DeJohn has purchased a home for his Mother and Dad but resides in Buffalo himself. . . . Brother Ralph scouts the current middleweight division so as to better tip off Joey on prospective foes. . . . That fellow Ralph is still an exceptionally popular young man and looks like a million. . . . Babe and Sam Amos plan a triumphant return to Syracuse for Joey DeJohn in March. . . . Joey will head another Coliseum card. . . . More than 1500 Syracusans planned to attend the DeJohn-Pete Mead fight in the Garden.

FIGHTS IN THE COAL REGION

By BOB HUBSHMAN

ON THE night of January 13, "Rookie of the Year," Rocky Castellani, punched out a unanimous but very unpopular decision over Al "Red" Priest of Boston, to start off the new year with a bang for Promoter Nat Branker of the Anthracite A. C. The fight drew the biggest gate and biggest crowd gathered in the Adams Avenue Arena since the Latzo-Walker fight in 1926. Some of the 4,636 fans that witnessed the fight thought that the red head was entitled to the decision. Priest cut the Rock's left eye wide open in the sixth round and hammered away at it the remainder of the bout. Six stitches were required to close the wound.

In the six-round semi-final, Buffalonian Sonny Hampton, 141, punched out a unanimous decision over Johnny Priest, brother of Red, who came in at 139.

In the other sixes, Sonny Genell, 156, of Westside, needed only 2:50 seconds of the third before disposing of Ernie Miles, 155, Syracuse.

Al Flora, former manager of Rocky Castellani, seems to have another boy to fill the Rock's shoes, Bobby Thomas, youthful Wilkes-Barrean, who tips the scales at 150. Bobby dealt out such harsh punishment to Willie Wigfall of Philadelphia that the referee had to intervene and award it to Thomas on a T.K.O., in the first round of a scheduled six.

In a pair of fours, Pete Martin of Keyser Valley, who weighed in at 163, needed only 1:20 of the second to K.O. Wayne Fisher of Williamsport. In the four-round curtain raiser, Jimmy Evans, 134¾, Binghamton, decisioned the veteran, Leroy Ponzi, 129¾, Hazelton.

Chubby Wright, 20-year-old Reading, Pa., Negro, left-hooked his way to an upset T.K.O. victory over Dick Wagner, highly-regarded light-heavyweight from Portland, Ore., who was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round because of an eye injury incurred in the first minute of the first round. The referee summoned the club physician to Wagner's corner at the end of the first round as his right eye was completely closed. After closely examining the optic he allowed the fight to continue until the end of the fifth round.

In the six-round semi-final, Joe Petrovich, 140½, Peckville, stopped Johnny Castor, 136½, Baltimore, Md., in 2:06 of the second round. Petrovich, the Peckville K.O. artist, made a successful comeback after being out of ring action for five months. Petrovich appeared faster and punched sharper than ever before in his career.

In another scheduled six-rounder, Joey Boch, 158, Bellevue, scored a unanimous decision over Eddie Morton, 152½, Negro scrapper from Albany, N. Y. Joey floored the Negro clouter four times—three in the fourth and once in the fifth—but Boch showed no aggressiveness, confidence or determination.

Ken Frymier, 160-pounder from Williamsport, earned a decision over Peter Martin, 161½, Keyser Valley, in one of the two four-rounders. Frymier's best weapon was his two-fisted body attack.

In a bang-up curtain-raiser, Jimmy Evans, 135, Binghamton, and Johnny Cottman, 135½, Baltimore, Md., Negro, battled to a draw. Both fighters were exhausted and showed no aggressiveness in the final round.

Tony Baldoni, 150, up-and-coming middleweight from Wilkes-Barre, battled to an eight-round draw with Emmet Norris, 147¾, Harrisburg, before 2,893 fans, who paid $5,519.44.

In another eight-rounder, Joey DiMartino, 157, Bridgeport, Conn., took a unanimous decision from Chico Pacheco, 152½, of Florida.

In one of the supporting sixes, Don Reffe, 190, Binghamton, won a split verdict over tough Tony Jess, 186½, Swoyerville.

Bobby Thomas, up-and-coming protege of Al Flora, kayoed Marty Young, 142, of Philadelphia, in another six. Thomas weighed 149.

In the curtain-raising sixer, Rubin Davis, 125, of Philadelphia, decisioned Frankie Jayne, 128, of Plymouth.

ADDITIONAL BOXING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

IN a ten-round feature event at Turner's Arena, Ken Stribling found in Smuggy Hursey, Washington's one-time middleweight hope, a soft touch in a fight which featured a moving Stribling who continually peppered Hursey almost at will with hooks, jabs, crosses and uppercuts. Gone from Hursey was his punch, his ever-moving shuffle, and evident, too, was Smuggy's lack of fight. Something was wrong. He looked woeful in his attempts to land an effective blow, sometimes missing looping right hands by several feet.

Perhaps a long rest and a slow training period will bring the Smug back to the fistic spotlight, but it will be long ere the fans will forget his dismal showing in which he dropped a unanimous duke to Ken Stribling. Hursey came in at 164½; Stribling, 161.

The semi-final went to Jackie Ford, 142½, Washington, in a five-round win over Billy Cofield, 143, Baltimore, in a good match. In another five, Puggy Lyons, 140, Washington, punched out a win over rough, tough Jimmy Briscoe, 141½, Washington.

Walter Hamm, 127½, Washington, scored a third round T.K.O. over Irish Jack O'Keefe, 126½, Providence, when O'Keefe was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

The opener, a four, featured Lonnie "Bulldog" Rutherford, 170, Roanoke, decisioning Dick Barber, 162½, Washington.

In his third local triumph, Joe Blackwood, 164, transplanted Bostonian, now a D.C. resident, chilled Chet Vinci, 162, Utica, N. Y., in 1:55 of the first in the Turner headline bout. Joe let Chet do all the leading and after a minute of action stepped in to cross a right to Vinci's jaw, and the Marine took a nine-count only to arise to run in to a host of rights and lefts that put him away for keeps.

In a five-round semi-windup, Walter Rowan, 150, Washington, scored in an uphill bout over Perry Lowe, 150, Camden. In the prelims, Julian Keene, 166½, Washington, looked impressive in a five-round win over the veteran, Kid Wolfe, 166½, Washington. In their third meeting, Don Wagner, 202, Portsmouth, Va., and Big Ben Harrison, 201, Washington, battled to a well-received draw. Another draw was in a bout involving Bobby Suma, 146, Washington, and Emmett Harris, 149, Washington.

The opening four saw Little Dynamite, 130½, Washington, in a repeat win over Cy Redmon, 133, Washington.

The annual M.D.W. boxing championships were held for three nights at the spacious Riding Hall with Fort Belvoir emerging as the victorious team. Belvoir won the team trophy with 29 points. Fort Meyer, the host team, had 20, Fort McNair 6, Army Medical Center 1.

Individual champs and their weights were:

118 pounds—Joseph Thomason (Fort Myer).
126 pounds—Eddie Brazerol (Fort Myer).
135 pounds—James Clark (Fort Belvoir).
147 pounds—Andy Nathan (Fort Myer).
160 pounds—John Pratt (Fort Belvoir).
175 pounds—Eliot Powers (Fort Belvoir).
Heavyweight—Bob Graves (Fort Belvoir).

Eddie Brazerol and Andy Nathan successfully defended their M.D.W. titles won last year, while Elliot Powers, 1949 Golden Gloves champ, notched another title by winning the 175-pound diadem.

As a result of his poor showing against Ken Stribling several weeks ago, Boxer Smuggy Hursey has been placed under an indefinite suspension.

The suspension was ordered by the local commission on the recommendation of Don S. Knowlton, commission physician.

Baltimore, Md.—In the best bout of his career, Sonny Boy West carved out a neat ten-round decision over Johnny Williams. It was a split duke, with one official calling it a draw. Williams suffered deep cuts in his lower lip, while West fought the last six rounds with a swollen eye.

IOWA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

IN answer to requests to express my personal opinion as to the operation of two boxing clubs in Sioux City, I am in no way connected with any promoters, hence, I can speak freely. It is my honest opinion, two boxing clubs trying to compete against one another in a town the size of Sioux City will not work out, and both will end up in the "red." It has been tried before and the results are well known along cauliflower row. The present Sioux City boxing promoter, Bob Morley, has the "ball" rolling, and it is my thought his efforts to bring professional boxing back to Sioux City will succeed.

Davenport, Ia.—Bunny Pierce, popular Davenport, Ia., promoter, presented Joe Louis as his top attraction for the month in the Moline fieldhouse. The receipts amounted to $16,500, reported to be tops for an athletic event in the quad-city history. Louis took on Dick Hagan, former Chicago Golden Gloves champion, in a six-round exhibition. The champion Louis showed the fans plenty of action and a good show.

In the other bouts, Eddie Marotta, 133, Cleveland, O., shaded Charlie Baxter, 133, of Cincinnati, O., in eight rounds. These two boys gave everything they had in their repertoire. Marotta, aggressive all the way, gained a unanimous decision over the Cincinnati veteran.

Jerry Slavin, 155, Minneapolis, Minn., scored over David Coleman of Chicago, 154, in a bloody six-round scrap, with Slavin gaining the decision by a hairline. A bout that lasted only 49 seconds took place when Joey Reyes, Moline Golden Gloves middleweight champion, fighting as a professional, scored a kayo over Clyde Anderson of Waterloo, Ia. Three hard rights and a left to the face put Anderson down for the full count. Bob Rossie, 152, Cedar Rapids, Ia., put the kayo on Bobby Gardner, 152, Minneapolis, in the first round. Rossie landed a right that turned the trick.

The shows must go on, and regardless of our blizzard conditions, amateur boxing cards have been sweeping the states of Iowa and South Dakota during the past month.

Missouri Valley, Ia. (Special to THE RING Correspondent)—Council Bluffs fighters scored three victories to highlight an 11-bout sectional Golden Gloves tourney here. Other events went to Woodbine, Missouri Valley and Honey Creek boxers. Featuring the fistic display was a quick kayo record by Frankie Klimek of Council Bluffs over Jack Betolson. The bout was stopped in the third round.

South Sioux City, Nebr.—In a Golden Gloves elimination contest staged here, six champions were crowned. The six South Sioux City champions are: Johnny Wolfe, 118 pounds; Bill Engle, 126; Henry Trysla of South Sioux City, 135; Elliott DeCora, 147; Johnny Snowball of Winnebago, 160; and Jerry Ebel, South Sioux City, 160. Runners-up were Henry Lumsden of Hubbard, Neb., 135; Don Gill, 118; Harold Gill, 126; and Cliff Snowball, 147.

Estherville, Ia. (Special to THE RING Correspondent)—Virgin Frye of Estherville, who recently won a middleweight championship in a Golden Gloves tournament, disposed of a fellow-townsman, Lloyd Ingvall, by a third-round T.K.O. at Fairmont, Minn.

Winterset, Ia.—The first boxing card of the year is in the making here, featuring such boys as Johnny Berch, a lightweight; Gerdon Hawkins, a flyweight; and Dick Hildebrand, a bantamweight.

Denison, Ia.—Twelve bouts featured a boxing card here before 800 fans. The feature attraction was a bout between Billy Reilly and Bobby Reilly, twin brothers from Woodbine, Ia. Billy Reilly scored a decision over his brother in a red-hot battle.

Aberdeen, S. D. (Special to THE RING Correspondent)—Boxers from Mitchell and Aberdeen scored four victories each in opening bouts of a sectional Golden Gloves tourney. Highlighting the festivities was a one-round kayo by Larry Bowles, 166, over Irv Sandquist, 175, Wetonka. Two other kayoes took place when Ollie Jewett, 136, of Aberdeen, scored over Bob Knutson, 133, of Oakes, N. D., in the second round. Bernard McKinna, 148, Mitchell, stopped Kay Zieman, 145, Oakes, in the last round.

Denison, Ia.—Bud Geyette of Woodbine scored the only kayo on a recent boxing card staged here, when he stopped Berle Jensen of Mapleton, Ia., in 1:18 of the first round. Geyette scaled 143 and Jensen 140. In another bout, Louis Mottenger won by a kayo over Charles Stokes of Harlan, Ia. Both scaled 158 pounds.

Des Moines, Ia.—Eight Golden Gloves champions were crowned here before an estimated crowd of 4,000 cash customers, which was reported as one of the best leather-socking shows of the year. Dave Fidler, veteran fight handler, will serve as coach of the Des Moines Golden Gloves team in the Chicago tournament. Less Carmichael was director of the Des Moines meet.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—Teams representing five sectional tourneys took place in the 15th annual Sioux City Golden Gloves meet . . . Cedar Rapids, Ia., had a very successful tourney . . . The professional boxers around Iowa have been busy on several out-of-town cards. Earl Wenbourne, Sioux City middleweight, who is under the management of Bob Morley, scored over Virgil Strauss, Chicago middleweight, in six rounds at Omaha . . . Bobby Carew of Des Moines drew with Jimmy Barlett of Macy, Nebr., also at Omaha . . . A boxing card was staged recently at Slayton, Minn., under the direction of Promoter Terry . . . Orlan Ott, Hartley, Ia., heavyweight, knocked out Tiny Robinson of Chicago in two rounds; Del Cockayne, Des Moines, was stopped by Johnny LaBroi, 140, of Gary, Ind., in two heats, and Billy Cornwell, also of Des Moines, lost to Brother LaBroi, also of Gary, Ind., in six . . . Pinkie George, Des Moines, has some very good professional cards set for the winter months in Des Moines.

Mickey Riley of Dallas, Tex., would like to show Buddy Baggett, his bantamweight, around Iowa. Baggett is a former Golden Gloves champion . . . V. D., Onawa, Ia.: All the books you want are listed in THE RING Book Shop. Try them.

Mail your news for the spot to Bill Hawkins, 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City 19, Ia., and have same in my hands by the sixth of each month. For the boys who phone their news in, our number is 8-649—day or night.

IN CHICAGO

With GENE ENGEL

FREDDIE DAWSON stopped Bernard Docusen via the technical knockout route inside of six rounds at the Chicago Stadium, before approximately 11,000 fans, who poured $43,294 into the coffers.

Right at the ouset Dawson set the pace and boxed and counter-punched to perfection. However, a split second period to the end of the first round, Docusen shot over a one-two combination that buckled Dawson's knees. In the second Bernie took over and scored repeatedly with his long-range punching, and again near bell time caught the Chicagoan with a swift one-two.

The Pelican City Filipino edged out the third and looked as if he was going to hold the upper hand of this match, with his agility of hands and footwork.

The fourth round wasn't a minute old when the Windy Cityite, fighting against odds, height and reach, countered a Docusen lead with a jolting right-hand counter that stunned Bernard. Docusen's legs started to buckle, whereupon Dawson moved in, feinted and let go vicious clouts to head and body. How he ever lasted through two full minutes of this "reign of terror," no one knows.

In the fifth round the slender but tallish-built Docusen seemed to have weathered the storm, and was holding his own at the finish of this heat.

It was only seconds after the sixth round got underway that Dawson again took over, but this time he scored with monotonous regularity, dropping the Duke for a nine-count, and following this up with a hurricane attack. Bernie stood there helpless and ring arbiter, Bernie Wiseman, wisely intervened. This is the first time that the Filipino has ever lost in this manner.

Dawson, a legitimate lightweight, tipped the scales at 142½ pounds to Docusen's 143 pounds. This indicated that Bernie entered the squared circle too much on the under side of his fighting weight, which might have been instrumental in his lack of fire.

Dawson, the underdog, took this match for a mere $3000 guarantee, to Docusen's 25 percent, of a $33,000 net gate, which gave him $8000. In Dawson's book he had to win or else!

The balance of the card was made up entirely of six-round jousts. Gerald LaBroi, Gary, 138, outpunched Billy Cornwall of Salt Lake City, Utah, and was credited with a technical knockout victory in round six. Cornwall weighed 134.

Skyscraping Orland Ott, 6 feet, 4 inches, 209-pound heavyweight from Hartley, Iowa, met and subdued in two heats, Tiny Robinson, 6 feet, 3 inches, Chicago, 229-pounder, who was stiffened for a 10-minute lapse of time.

Corky Gonzales, smooth Mexican featherweight, out of Denver, Colo., weighing 126 pounds, won a swift boxing contest from Ronald Cannon, Chicago, 130-pounder, that was replete with action.

John (Twin) LaBroi, heavier of the two brothers, scaling 140 pounds, threw too much leather for Del Cockayne of Des Moines, Ia., and was awarded a T.K.O. in the sixth chapter.

In the aftermath to the main event George Sherman, Chicago welterweight, punched too fast and consistently for Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, who was willing but lacked in ability.

Marigold Gardens—Tim Dalton, West Side Irish lightweight, won a corking eight-round boxing match from Art Andrews, out of Gary, Ind. Tim's assortment of blows held him in good stead against the aggressive Andrews.

Jackie Keough, Cleveland, Ohio, 153½-pounder, won a hard-fought fight from Marty Doyle, out of Birmingham, Ala., at the end of six rounds.

Gerald (Twin) LaBroi, also from the Hoosierite State, Indiana, didn't get up on time, therefore was counted out in the initial round against Dave Marsh, Detroit biffer, via a right-hand smack, of their slated six-round encounter.

Danny Womber, sleek Chicago 140-pounder, punched too aaccurately for Bobby LaLonde, out of Detroit, who received the ten-toll in round two.

Robert Childress, Chicago 155-pounder, edged out Earl England in a slam-bang bout.

At Philadelphia, Pa., Ike Williams, world's lightweight champion, once again defeated our Johnny (Honeyboy) Bratton in ten rounds, but Ike knew he had been in a fight.

Marigold Gardens—John (Twin) LaBroi, 138-pounder, engaged in his first headlining attraction and won over a game, energetic punching Jesse (Topper) Underwood of Huntington, W. Va. Underwood's change of tactics from orthodox milling to the unorthodox maneuverings (southpaw) variety, at times had LaBroi perplexed, but he did manage to score the harder blows, enabling him to take down the decision.

Brother Gerald LaBroi collided with Dave Marsh of Detroit in a rematch. This time honors were even at the conclusion of their six-round tiff.

Cliff Fossman, Johnny Coulon's pride, won convincingly over "Irish" Jimmy Cone of Kokomo, Ind. Both 150-pounders.

Tony Gunia, Rockford, Ill., welterweight, looked good in winning over Russel Turner in four.

And in the opener Dave Wilbourne, Detroit featherweight, T.K.O.'ed Nick Kachardus, Chicago, in one.

Marigold Gardens—Lou Ramos, Puerto Rican featherweight, fighting out of New York City, won over Stan Hartman in the eight-round featured event.

Jerry Pittro, Chicago, 165, scored a three-round knockout over Bobby Roberts of Cleveland, Ohio.

In another eight-round match, Jackie Keough, Cleveland middleweight, won handily over Sparky Reynolds of Indianapolis, who has been inactive for over a year. Sparky fought pluckily, but Keough proved to be too sharp.

Gene Parker, tall Indianapolis, Ind., lightweight, won in a terrific skirmish with Sidney Caple of Kansas City, Mo.

Woody Green, Indianapolis, Ind., middleweight, stretched out Ernie Doyle in 1:56 of the first round.

Clinton Bacon, Chicago's up-and-coming light-heavyweight pride, had to be satisfied with a draw against Eddie Newman.

Note to promoters: With Vince Foster, Freddie Dawson, Sylvester Perkins, Bob Satterfield and young prospects like Clinton Bacon, John LaBroi, Luther Rawlings and Tim Dalton on hand here, instead of peering overseas for talent, it looks like Chicago can be tabbed as the source for future stars. All are invited to visit the Ringside Gym, 73 W. Madison Street, Eddie Nichols Gym, out on the Southside for ring timber.

Holman Williams, a good middleweight in the past decade, is in serious training and contemplating a return to the ring.

Former world's lightweight and junior welterweight champion, Tony Canzoneri, made an appearance here in Chicago. First he appeared at the Oriental Theatre on a vaudeville tour and came over to the gymnasium to see old friends, and probably recollect on his past memories.

Marigold Gardens—Anton Raadik, Estonian middleweight champion, pounded out a clean-cut win over agile Eddie O'Neil, Detroit, Mich., 157½-pounder, in the eight-round main event. Raadik, although appearing slow, used his hammer-like maulies frequently, and wore down what elusiveness O'Neil possessed, O'Neil taking three different counts in this match.

Lewis Gray, St. Louis, Mo., 162½-pounder, won in six over Lou King.

Bunny Berrigan, Milwaukee featherweight, won with plenty to spare over Dave Wilbourne, another Detroiter, in a five-round joust.

And in the four-round episodes, Robert Childress, Chicago middleweight, edged out a newcomer, John Jennings of Weiser, Ida. Albert Roberts of Chicago was credited with a three-round technical knockout victory over Calvin White. They are lightweights.

For promoters interested in Gene Engel's fighters, Clinton Bacon, 170 pounds; Lou King, 160 pounds, and Stan Hartman, 126-20 pounds, write or wire me at 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. Phone Midway 3-5826.

And, in the meantime, don't forget your copy of THE RING Magazine, your book of boxing knowledge, for fight results, human interest stories, and last but not least your nation-wide reports from your local scribes. So long for now!

P.S.—On the Raadik-O'Neil card, I missed mentioning Ronald Cannon's decisive victory over Willie Scott of Gary, Ind.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE past month saw two of the best shows staged here in months. And it was local boys who deserve the credit for the great action and also two of the largest gates in some time. Over the twelve-round route, Rudy Zadell, Joe Basco's great little fighter, and Jimmy Sanders of nearby Warren, Ohio, almost repeated their previous ten-rounder blow for blow. There was action galore.

In a great eight-rounder on the same card, Ronnie Delaney, fast-coming youngster out of Don Hale's stable, carried off a very unpopular decision over Eddie O'Neil of Detroit. This decision caused a lot of arguments. The writer gave O'Neil the first six rounds despite a fluke knockdown of O'Neil in the first round. Delaney almost K.O.'ed the classy Detroiter in the seventh and had him in trouble throughout the eighth and final round.

In another scheduled eight, Fitzie Pruden had a soft touch. His alleged opponent looked as though he had never seen a fight let alone take part in one. It lasted just long enough for him to fall down. In a four-rounder, Johnny Paoletti scored another win over Dick Lewis.

On the second show of the month, Hannison featured three eight-rounders and it turned out as another whale of a show. In the main attraction Ronnie Delaney and Eddie Bell were featured. This time Delaney showed he had learned a lot in his first fight with O'Neil and fought a much better and more aggressive fight. Again Delaney carried off the duke and a much more popular one this time.

Sharing top billing was Freddie Schott, big Akron heavy, on a comeback try. It proved a very successful one, with Schott boxing very good after a long layoff. He was complete master of Rickey Ronci, coming Youngstown youngster.

In another good eight Frankie Moran of New Castle, Pa., edged Joey Kezele in eight hard-fought rounds. Again Johnny Paoletti came through with a two-round K.O. over a last-minute substitute.

Paoletti has now piled up ten wins as a pro and is improving with every fight. The most notable improvement is in his punching. The little red head is very popular.

Freddie Bernhardt, local lightie, traveled over to Youngstown and gave Joey Kezele a rough time of it, losing a very close one on a great fight show. Clay Milliron, another local boy, won in one of the prelims.

Jackie Biddle and Chuck Higgins packed them in at New Castle in a fast ten-rounder. Biddle is now in California on a tour.

Akron came through at Cleveland with two Golden Glove champs in Joe Greenwood in the novice lightweight class and Bob Golden in the open heavyweight. Golden has a very fine chance of going right on through for the national title.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

GROWING enthusiasm far surpassing any interest ever shown in the history of boxing in the Midwest is prevalent this season, and no greater measure of such lively alertness toward the finest sport in the world can be had than to look into the amateur situation.

The greatest Kansas amateur turnout of all time was at Topeka, a city of less than 100,000 population, which produced over 100 local qualifications for the Topeka *State Journal's* 10th annual Golden Gloves tournament—the biggest and best in the history of Golden Gloves competition there.

From the amateur ranks come our potential professional stars—and that is the foundation of keeping the sport active and alive. No amount of expense and effort has been spared in this section to develop top-flight talent, and the program has been extensively aided by the medium of "example" shown in the past year by the progress of such outstanding Midwest stars as Jack Hurley's Vince Foster, who was an amateur in Golden Gloves at Topeka while attending Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kan. Greatly aiding in the interest and enthusiasm of the "stars of tomorrow" are such capable Kansas professionals as Pat McCafferty, Kenny "Red" Barton, Wichita's Irish heavyweight, Curt Kennedy, Bill Sudduth, and two sensational new professionals, both undefeated, Nelson Levering and Alvin Williams. The outlook on boxing in the Middle West is the brightest it has ever been.

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Results of the last five professional fights in Topeka and Wichita (Kansas City being without pro boxing for several months) are as follows:

At Wichita, Kenny "Red" Barton, bull-shouldered Topekan, notched an important win in gaining a ten-round decision over Lafayette (Bulldog) Drummond of Chicago before a large crowd.

Drummond's face was marked severely by Barton's ripping blows and the Kansas middleweight had the Windy City ringman on the deck for the nine count in the eighth round.

In the semi-final, Topeka's Ray Augustus jabbed out a unanimous decision over "Cowboy" Larry Davis of Bassett, Neb. It was a clever, cagy fight between two of the Midwest's best light-heavyweights.

Manuel Segobia of Omaha put up a game fight against Wichita's superior Alvin Williams, but lost by a wide margin to the former National Golden Gloves champion, who is rated by veteran fight men as the best young middleweight to enter the pro ranks in some time.

Nelson Levering, sharpshooting Indian battler from Topeka, decisioned Don Smith, Wichita lightweight. The two boys threw everything into their thrilling bout which had the fans screaming on their feet most of the way. Little Joe Romano, popular Topekan, met Harold "Chief" Jackson of Bartlesville, Okla., in a four-round affair which was a bloody battle from the initial gong. Whirlwind action prevailed and the fight was ruled a draw.

It happened quick! And before a capacity crowd. Sylvester Perkins, rated middleweight contender, kayoed Kenny "Red" Barton, Kansas' battling redhead, in 43 seconds of the first round at the Wichita Forum.

The finish came suddenly, as the Topekan had hit Perkins a pulverizing blow which staggered the Chicagon back on his heels and caused ringsiders to gasp . . . then it came, a smashing left that caught Barton on the chin and down he went. The redhead, courageous as a pit bulldog, rolled over on his back, shook his head, and got up. But as he arose from the canvas Referee Eddie Zongker ruled it a knockout. It was the first time Barton had ever been knocked down since he began his professional career 26 fights ago, and the Kansan had fought some tough ones.

Wichita's Ernie DeFrance pulled a last-round rally and thereby gained a draw with Bud Love of Kansas City in their six-round lightweight fight. It was a battle all the way.

Alvin Williams, Wichita's Indian middleweight, kayoed Henry Cay of Chicago after 2:29 of the first round. Hard-hitting Williams put Cay on the canvas with a series of blows capped by a left to the body.

Edmond Carr of Kansas City, Mo., gained the decision over trickster Russ Moore of Kansas City, Kan.; Elmer Carson of Emporia won a T.K.O. over Anthony Breeze of Kansas City in a middleweight bout.

The largest crowd of the season, estimated at more than 4,000 fans, was on hand for the fights.

Jumpin' Joey Hartfield jumped into the flailing fists of Topeka's Kenny Barton to come out with a scar on his head and a loss on his record.

Despite a short-ender's role throughout the first five rounds, the 160-pound Topeka dynamo uncorked a barrel of crazed clouting late in the fifth round to sprinkle the first five rows with blood and send Hartfield to his corner. Barton's upset victory was tacked up according to the records as a sixth-round technical knockout.

In a terrific semi-final, Oklahoma City's Dick Smith lost a close six-rounder to Raymond Young, 160-pounder from Kansas City.

Alvin Williams, Wichita's 160-pound National Golden Gloves champion, ground out a decision over Elmer Carson, Topeka's Nelson Levering knocked out Gene Pearce of Arkansas City in 2:13 of the second, and Little Joe Romano of Topeka flattened Kid Chino of Mexico City in 2:34 of the second.

Stealing the fistic spotlight in this area was the appearance of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis in exhibition bouts at Wichita, Omaha and Topeka. Against Chicago's young Irish hopeful, Orlan Ott, the great champion won the hearts of 4,000 fistic followers at Topeka who braved one of the worst blizzards in years to get a glimpse of the famous champ in action. Among the appreciative ringsiders was Governor Frank Carlson of Kansas, who was inaugurated for his second term the day before the Louis fight.

In the evening's ten-rounder, Kenny "Red" Barton provided main-event thrills galore in his murderous eighth-round knockout of Omaha's Jimmy Watson. Barton's sudden right-hand pitch to the stomach ended it in 1:32 of the heat, thus giving the redhead another important victory after he had trailed in the early rounds.

Watson scored best in the third when he came out of a clinch with a right to send Barton down for a one-count.

In the semi-final, Bill Sudduth, Topeka welterweight, finished strong to garner a six-round decision over Edmond Carr, Kansas City.

Nelson Levering's 30-second knockout of Kansas City's Russ Moore spiked the double-preliminary show, Joe Romano having won a four-round curtain-raiser over Jesse Watson of Omaha. Levering, an up-and-coming Haskell product, managed the hurried victory with a right square to the jaw of Moore.

The biggest money crowd drawn to a ring sport in Kansas in more than 20 years was on hand for the Joe Louis-Hubert Hood exhibition at Wichita, January 12. A total of 4,140 fans braved the blizzard, paying $11,436 gross and boxing men, basing their judgment on the $10,800 advance sale, believe the gate would have reached $16,000 or $17,000 had the weather been favorable for out-of-town travelers. In the Middle West patrons drive hundreds of miles to see boxing, weather permitting.

Lee Campione, Danny Spunt's rugged Italian heavyweight from Chicago, scored a unanimous decision over Deacon Logan of St. Louis in the 10-rounder. The fight featured close, savage infighting, one of the hardest-fought battles seen yet in the Forum. Logan, dazed in three consecutive rounds, failed to locate his corner without help.

A big surprise of the evening was the showing of youthful Alvin Williams of Wichita against the Topeka fox, Ray Augustus, in the fifth to send the former eighth-ranking light-heavyweight to the canvas for the count of eight. That knockdown provided the margin of victory as Augustus never did rally to hurt the Wichitan.

Frankie Rivera of Kansas City scored his third straight win over Ernie DeFrance of Wichita in the six-round semi-final. It was a close split decision.

In the opener Winifred Lane of Winfield took Duane Hoag of Wichita into camp in four rounds. The decision was unanimous.

Gorgeous George, wrestling's greatest attraction, made his Midwest debut at Wichita and Topeka last month, drawing near capacity crowds in both spots in spite of the second big blizzard of the month. The Gorgeous One went over terrifically as fans out here had never seen anything quite like him. He is definitely the sensation of the decade in wrestling.

Other big name wrestlers appearing here are Lou Thesz, the National Wrestling Association's heavyweight champion; Enrique Torrez, Mexican Adonis; Ede Virag, handsome Hungarian, just back from 10 months in Europe and living now on his farm at Wichita; Jack Kennedy, Al Lovelock, "Mr. Paris," the Zahariases, the Duseks, Wild Bill Longson, Argentina Rocco and others, putting the Midwest on a par with the nation's largest wrestling centers for talent.

Fans are talking about Nelson Levering, Topeka's hard-hitting Indian lightweight's major upset at Oklahoma City when he kayoed Jeep O'Neal, former national Golden Gloves champion, in the first round. It was main-eventer O'Neal's first loss in over 50 pro fights.

Topeka's handsome light-heavyweight star, Pat McCafferty, has recovered from a surgical operation and has resumed training once again.

Homer Mosley's Curt Kennedy, Irish-Indian heavyweight from Wichita, continues to advance. The likeable youngster scored his 20th straight professional win recently, beating Vince Donnley of Minneapolis in a terrific main event upset.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

BOBBY NEAL, 150, colorful Beaver Falls, Pa., welterweight, won his eleventh straight victory in his current winning streak, by kayoing Jimmy Welsh, 151, of Columbus, Ohio, in two minutes, 28 seconds of the first round at the Aragon Gardens. Advance press notices on Welsh were very favorable and an interesting contest was anticipated. Jimmy, in fact, was impressive until he made the mistake of lowering his left guard, then, quick as a flash, Neal crossed with a devastating right to the jaw and Welsh went down. As the count reached eight, he raised his head, was unable to rise, and was counted out flat on his back.

Jackie Botnovitch, 151, Rochester, Pa., was awarded the unanimous decision over Chuck Gibbons, 143, Ellwood City, Pa., in the action-packed six-round semi-final. This was Gibbons' first defeat in sixteen professional fights, but the Fritzie Zivic protege was far from disgraced even though he spotted his opponent eight pounds.

Johnny Paoletti, 145, Akron, Ohio, won the unanimous verdict over Calvin O'Neal, 145, Pittsburgh, in another rousing six-rounder.

Mike Lash, 143, Duquesne, Pa., and Buddy Walls, 145, Sharpsburg, Pa., fought four furious rounds to a draw.

Johnny Ward, 131, Clairton, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Carl Baer, 137, Coalport, Pa., in the four-round opener. A capacity crowd paid a gross of $1975.03 and a net of $1783.19.

This was Promoter Jack White's first show in nine weeks, due to the lack of local talent and the high operating cost.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By TOM EPHREM

WORLD'S Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his excellent exhibition tour of Florida did more than just capture the clout colony's fancy. The Bomber's appearance did much to stimulate boxing interest at lagging points, and the generosity of this great fighting champion exceeded his triumphant trek to the Sunshine State, as this corner will reveal further in this column. Louis displayed in Miami, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Jacksonville, and Dayton Beach. In the presence of Jacksonville fans a returner with Elmer "The Violent" Ray (note: this was an exhibition) the faithfuls on hand broke all gate and attendance receipts previously held by the third Tommy Gomez-Buddy Scott clash.

Chuck Taylor, 147, former welterweight contender from Coalport, Pa., had to be satisfied with a ten-round draw against Al Hersh, 151½, promising youngster out of New York, before a crowd of 4,500 in Miami.

In the eight-round semi-final, Gene Hardison, 149¼, took the bout from Joey Brunwasser, 153¼, of Pittsburgh. Hardison, of Norfolk, was making his first Miami appearance. Phil Saad, Bridgeport, Conn., welterweight, got a three-round T.K.O. over Bobby Root, Cleveland and Tampa. A heavyweight six-rounder went to Jimmy Russo, Tampa, 225, who beat Ernie Mason, 185, of Miami. Jack Larrimore, veteran Miami welterweight, won a four-round T.K.O. over Terry Lee of Tampa, who tipped 141¼.

This column would like to tab 20-year-old Bobby Dykes of San Antonio, Texas, and now residing in Florida's beautiful Miami, as the outstanding prospect in the welterweight ranks this moment. Just keep his name in mind.

Bobby Dykes, the new fight rage in Miami, turned in another worthy win in the Magic City. Around 2,900 saw Dykes, 150¾, outsmart the tough Paterson, N. J., scrapper, Frankie Cordino, who tipped 149½. Bobby took almost every round from the Northerner. The eight-round semi saw Irish Johnny Kilday, Jacksonville middleweight, win over Joey Brunwasser, 153, of Pittsburgh. A lightweight go had Blondy Baggett, Tampa youngster, scoring a three-round T.K.O. over Henry "Kid" Briere of Putnam, Conn. In a lightweight tangle, Hal Locklair, Charleston, beat Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa, in a four-rounder. A six-round decision went to Phil Saad, Bridgeport, Conn., over Jack Larrimore.

The Joe Louis exhibition tour opened in Miami with the heavyweight champion facing Florida's former number two title challenger, Elmer "The Violent" Ray, in a six-rounder. Before 12,542 fans, contributing $35,658.80, Louis and Ray staged an excellent match of their own. Louis received the unofficial decision.

A ten-round nod went to Sylvester Perkins, Chicago light-heavyweight contender, over Randy Brown of New York in a dull bout. Lloyd Willis, Miami 175-pounder, got a one-round T.K.O. over L. C. Blanford, Miami, 169. Honey Boy Williams, Houston lightweight, T.K.O.'ed Ray Lewis of Miami in round two. Charlie Lee, Cincinnati light-heavyweight, and Grant Hodges, Paterson, N. J., 177-pounder, went to a six-round draw.

Hard-hitting Jacksonville middleweight, Toby Reid, kept on his winning streak by taking a five-round T.K.O. over Baxley Hardy, veteran Augusta, Ga., southpaw, in a Jacksonville ring. Reid did it the hard way, coming from behind to wallop his Georgia rival with his ace blows. This was Reid's eighth short distancer in nine bouts, the other being won by a decision.

A four-rounder went to Jack Brazeaile of Jacksonville over Cpl. Stan Roth of Augusta. The winner, 158, and the loser, 163. A Negro bout had Herman Harris, Jacksonville, 172, winning a T.K.O. in four over Maxey Baker, 162. Mickey Dunne, 138, Jacksonville, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Whitaker, 144, in the third. Zerney Pappy, 134, stopped Lawrence Henson, 136, in three. Tim Higginbotham, 128, drew in four with LaMar Tate, 118.

The second stop on the Joe Louis exhibition tour took time off in Tampa, where the champion met Nino Valdez, a Cuban Negro, in a four-rounder before a crowd of over 5,000. The heavyweight kingpin felt a right from his adversary in the second round that carried some authority. It was to Joe's midriff, and the signal for the titleholder to get going, which he did. Some of Joe's left hooks were felt by Valdez, and the latter was still on the receiving end at the fourth from head and body blows that shook him.

In a scheduled ten-rounder, Tommy Gomez, former heavyweight contender, had to go six rounds before planting Joe Dominic of Springfield, Mass., for good. Blondy Baggett, Tampa lightweight, again met Henry "Kid" Briere, and dealt the latter a kayo in six. Bob Shoemaker and Hal Meredith fought to a draw in their scrap. Jimmy Russo, Tampa, 225, beat Ernie Mason, 185, Miami, in a six-round go. A Negro bout saw Coleman White, 185, Tampa, draw in four with George Tapp, 185, of Punta Gorda. Johnny Wilder, Macon, 162, beat Bill Harmon, 178, Tampa, in four. They are Negroes also. In the opener, two Negro boys, Jimmy O'Brien, Tampa, 178, and Chuck McCaskill, 165, drew in four.

Joe Danos, the Denver southpaw welterweight, got in the way of Howell Steen's Miami debut and racked up a seven-round T.K.O. stopper over the Texan.

A pair of welterweights, Dave Meredith, of Macon, Ga., and Gene Hardison of Norfolk, Va., put up a rouser for ten rounds and a draw. Jack Larrimore, Miami vet, beat Roy Saylos in a welterweight bout of six rounds. Jose Andres, San Antonio, 131, beat Henry "Kid" Briere of Putnam, Conn., in another sixer.

In Sarasota, Orlando Fernandez and Baby Joe Diaz again went to a draw, ten rounds. Ray Hake, 145, beat Ray Perez, 144, in six. Roberto Romano, 132, got a two-round T.K.O. over Bob Rodriguez, 138. Tony Pellitiere kayoed Oscar Neil in four. Johnny "Goo-Goo" Moore drew in four with Charles Mantel. The Ray Jackson and John Morris bout was called "no contest" after Morris took a ten-count in the first heat.

Good to hear that Cy Gottfried, Miami boxing referee and boxing personality, has fully recovered from his illness and is back in his ole harness. They say you can't keep a good man down.

Elmer "The Violent" Ray, chief heavyweight production to come out of Florida, put the blinker on Tex Boddie before a crowd of 3,500 in Miami. The end came in the fourth round after Boddie had taken two various counts, once going through the ropes. Ray looked good in this venture.

Grant Hodges, Paterson, N. J., light-heavyweight, kayoed Willie Ferguson, 160, Miami, in the seventh round. A six-round draw resulted in the lightweight battle between Honey Boy Williams, Houston, and Ray Lewis, Miami. Another six-spot saw Jake Simmons, Miami lightie, take the duke from Kid Lightning, 144, and Kid Washington, 161, Miami, beat Earl Carter, 164, Miami, in four.

Heavyweight Buddy Scott of Jacksonville scored a four-round kayo over Francisco Amaya, 186, in Jackson, Tenn., and from there went on to Memphis to lay Tony Marteliano, 178, to sleep in round three. The Jackson fight was before 3,500 fans and likewise the largest crowd to witness a sporting event in this part of Tennessee.

Chalk up another draw affair for Baby Joe Diaz and Orlando Fernandez. The latest took place in St. Petersburg and was a ten-rounder. Diaz came in at 135. Al Fern, 140, Tampa, kayoed John Davis with a left to the chin during the sixth round. A three-round exhibition was put on between Chico Morales, Cuba, and Tony Pellitierre of Springfield. Bob Rodriguez, at 140, kayoed Baby Roland, 135, in four. Ray Collins, 150, kayoed Ferrel Norris, 146, in two.

Ray Hake, 147, technically kayoed Pack Easter, 151, in the fourth round of their feature bout in St. Petersburg. Manny Gomez won the six-round semi from Larry Lynn in a middleweight go. Tony Pellitierre kayoed Jimmy Martin in two, both lightweights. Ferrell Norris, 146, beat Ray Collins, 150, in a four-rounder. Elio Ortiz, 120, won a four-round prelim from Battling Oscar, 122.

Johnny Dupree and Natie Brown fought a ten-round draw in Jacksonville. Both furnished a sizzling tenth round for the best heat. A Negro go saw Coleman White of Tampa score a T.K.O. in the first over T. J. Bevel, Jacksonville. White is a heavyweight and Bevel a lightheavy. Mickey Dunn, 140, Jacksonville, upset W. H. Bennett, 136, in a four. Bob Harmon, a middleweight, stopped Eddie Outlaw. Ralph Pearson defeated Johnny Mango in a welterweight four. Lamar Tate, 115, won a four-rounder from Tim Higginbotham, 125.

Before a crowd of an estimated 5,200 fans in Orlando, Joe Louis and Dixie Lee Oliver performed in an exhibition that had a not too good ending for Oliver. According to reports, the Louis punch sent Oliver to the canvas, which had no padding underneath, thus adding to the force and eventually sending Dixie Lee to the hospital. He was released after 24 hours, but Louis was on hand to see if all was okay before he left for Jacksonville. Oliver's hospital bills were paid by Louis, who also contributed $200 cash to the Florida heavyweight. Louis kayoed him in the fourth round with a long left.

Buddy Scott downed Tommy Samon three times, then plastered him for good in the fifth round in St. Petersburg. A decision that proved not too popular with the customers saw Ernest Nogues, Tampa 138-pounder, take the nod from Jose Andres, 134, in a hard-fought battle of six rounds. Tony Pellitierre, Springfield, Mass., 130-pounder, who looks like a good prospect, won another by flooring Oscar Neil, 123, in the second. Ferrell Norris took a welterweight four from Bob Rodriguez. Elio Ortiz, 121, and Roy Rodriguez saw their bout called no-contest after a slow first chapter.

In West Palm Beach, Bob Shoemaker and Billy Spangler, 147, gave 2,000 fans plenty to cheer. Shoemaker was a close winner after ten action-crammed rounds. Baggett, 130, won a ten-round nod from Orlando Fernandez, 126.

A six-round nod went to Larry Ray, Detroit welterweight, over Angel Chavez, 143, San Pedro, Calif. Phil Saad, Bridgeport, Conn., welterweight, bested Joey Brunwasser, 152, Pittsburgh, in a six.

Don Bowman, Asheville, N. C., lightweight, got up from the deck twice in the first round to chalk up a six-round knockout over Woody Woodcock in Aiken, S. C.

A two-round kayo was registered by Joe Leonard, 160, Charlotte middleweight, over Tommy Kilpatrick of Hendersonville in the feature bout at Asheville, N. C.

Classy Don Bowman, 130-pounder, rang up an early knockout, needing only 39 seconds to chill Guy Calahan, 135. Corky Calahan, a brother of Guy, did better in outpointing Johnny Miles in a six-round middleweight meet. Ed Bigson, 140, beat Eddie Harrell, 144, in four rounds. A Negro go had Bill Aiken outpointing Charlie Lewis in four.

Before a record-breaking attendance of some 6,500 fight lovers, who in paying over $18,000 also established a top Jacksonville gate, Joe Louis and Elmer "The Violent" Ray tangled for the second time, this being a four-rounder. The heavyweight champion outclassed the Florida challenger to win the unofficial decision. The champ, missing early with his jabs to Ray's bobbing head, finally found the range and from there on had little trouble with Elmer.

In the ten-round top bout, Toby Reid, 158, local middleweight puncher, used well his nine-pound weight advantage and two socking mitts to the head and body for ten full rounds to capture the duke from game Dave Meredith of Macon, Ga.

Hal Meredith, 147, Dave's younger brother, won a six-rounder from Bob Shoemaker, 150, in a good-fought bout. A Negro bout had Coleman White, 172, Tampa, gaining a six-rounder over Herman Harris, 162. Eugene Brown, Jacksonville, 160, T.K.O.'ed Mel Griffin, 160, New York, in the second chapter of another Negro bout. Mickey Dunn repeated a previous win over W. H. Bennett, lightweight, in four. Li'l David Seabrooke, local Negro flash, beat Kayo Cocky in a four-round lightweight match. Seabrooke's ring generalship won for him over his veteran foe. Zerney Pappy, 124, won easily over Lamar Tate, 118, in the four-round opener.

Joe Louis again proved his sportsmanship. This time in Daytona Beach, where he met Bill Graves in an exhibition that lasted three rounds, with the champion scoring a T.K.O. Louis staggered Bill in the second round and then stepped to a neutral corner as Graves' handlers worked on their boy. In the third, Louis caught Graves with lefts on the nose, starting the claret to run. Joe walked to his opponent's corner and gave him a pat on the shoulder.

The champ donated $500 to the Community Chest and $500 to Mother Hunt's Orphanage.

On the program, Carl Berkley, 160, got the six-round verdict from Danny Marshall, 156. Sammy Turner, 160, took a four-round bout from Shoulders King, 175. Welterweights "Sport" Anderson and Johnnie Clemons drew in four.

Louis, in his Florida appearances, totaling 77 minutes, received $32,789. (Miami, $11,300; West Palm Beach, $3,500; Tampa, $4,900; Orlando, $3,500; Jacksonville, $6,089; Daytona Beach, $3,500.)

Don Bowman, Asheville lightweight, punched out a ten-round win over Snooks Howard in the feature bout before home-towners.

Tom Kilpatrick had to get up from the canvas to score over Corky Calahan in a middleweight eight-rounder. However, he sent Calahan to the same spot on six occasions. Pappy Gault, 116, T.K.O.'ed Bert Calahan, 113, in the sixth and final round. Al Wanzo, 150, won his bout from Jim Meadows, both Negro lads. In the opening bout, Eddie Gibson, 140, kayoed Bill McGraw, 141, in the second heat.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

DURING the first part of the year no professional boxing shows were held in the Granite State.

Several Sherbrooke, Canada, fighters are appearing at Lewiston, Me., in Promoter Sam Michael's weekly boxing shows. Eddie Bolduc, a lightweight from Sherbrooke, is right up there with the best northern New England has to offer. In his first bout, an eight-rounder, he lost a close but action-packed bout against Maurice "Lefty" LaChance of Lisbon, Me. Bolduc's younger brother, Clem, also appeared on the same card and outpointed Bernie Murray, a local favorite. Both were classy bantamweights and have lots of ring "know-how."

More next month. Au Revoir. Address: Ralph G. Peloquin, 80 Mechanic Street, Berlin, N. H.

NEWS FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE

By CHARLEY PARRISH

WITH most of Europe's leading boxers making their way to America in search of dollars and fame, the promoters are falling back on competitions to find new talent.

Ray Famechon made an appearance in Rome, knocking out the Italian, Alvaro Cerasani.

The German featherweight title changed hands when Karl Simon outscored the holder, George Assmann, in a bout in Cologne. Lightweight Champion Herbert Nurnberg retained his crown by drawing with Hans Haefner of Bamberg, at Munich. The verdict was very badly received, it transpiring later that one of the judges had added up his card incorrectly, robbing Haefner of a well-earned victory.

In Copenhagen, the flashy Finn, Yrjoe Piitulainen, stopped French welter, Emile Leroux, in five rounds. Heavyweight Carl Nielsen disappointed his fans by losing over eight heats to the Italian, Alfredo Oldoini, a veteran of 33. Cruiser Swend Aa Christensen knocked out Jean Camus, France, in the third, and Danish feather, Viggo Fredriksen, won over Denis Girard of France.

Dieter Hucks, the German kayo king, first flattened Julius Schmidt in one heat, then steamed into the middleweight prospect from Cologne, Peter Mueller, stopping him also in one.

Featherweight Elis Ask of Finland won over Roger Bruneau of France in their bout in Helsinki. Welterweight Yrjoe Piitulainen knocked out Frenchman Paul Viard in six. Olva Purho shaded Ben Embarek, Moroccan light-heavy, and the Swedish heavy, Arne Sundin, lost to Sulo Gustafsson of Finland.

Another contender for Europe's welterweight crown, Giel de Roode of Holland, advanced a step in the right direction when he won over Pierre Le Mentec of France at The Hague..

The first series of the Antwerp welterweight competition opened up in good style. Emile Leroux, France, won over Van Donnink of Belgium. Adolphe Neubauer, France, whipped Cochard, Belgium. Belgian champion, Willy Wimms, stopped Valecillo of Spain in one. Foxy Walter Momber, ex-champion of France, creased Jean Piedboeuf, Belgium, in the fourth. Louis Thierry, French lightweight champion in 1944, chilled the Belgian, Van Overloop, in one. Dutchman Harry Bos kayoed Bob Francois, Belgium, in the first. Franco Molina of Spain won over the Frenchman, Adrien Mourguiart, and Charles Humetz, member of the French Olympic team in London, stopped Joe Loe, Belgium, in one.

Unusual though it sounds, an eliminating bout for the French light-heavy title was fought out in Copenhagen. Participants were Lucien Corenthin and the Parisian, Emile Bentz, who won after a hard-contested affair. In other bouts, Knud Christoffersen, the Danish light-heavy, easily won on points over the Frenchman, Al Renet, while the Danes also scored two lightweight wins when Jorgen Johansen beat Robert Astoin, France, and Asger Warburg won over Marcel Auclair.

In Brussels the European middleweight king, Cyrille "Tarzan" Delannoit, won on points after a somewhat uninteresting bout with British champion, Vince Hawkins.

The Italian flyweight title changed hands when Otello Belardinelli outscored the holder, Guido Nardecchia, at Terni. On the same card Amleto Falcinelli retained his bantam laurels by whipping Arturo Paoletti on points. Six days later Falcinelli lost on points to Stan Rowan in England.

The international middleweight competition at Bruges produced the following results: Germain Caboche of France won over Al Berry, Belgium; Dutchman Jan Schoen stopped Jean Roose, Belgium, in three; Marcel Garcia, Spain, stopped George Bodson in the second; Oscar Deschemaker won over Joubet, both Belgians; Fernand Floreal, Belgium, beat Kid Maurice; Leon Fouquet of Belgium won over Theo Francois; Luxembourg champion, George Schiltz, beat the Belgian, Fernand Lemmens, and Belgium's Dekerschieter stopped Bouquiaux in the second round.

In a rugged battle in defense of his French crown, young middleweight Jean Stock lived up to his reputation by beating Robert Charron in Paris. The fight was stopped in the 15th round.

Reader Vince Morgant of Paris corrects this column for stating that Danny Carabella, Puerto Rican bantam, now in Paris, fought a draw with Sandy Saddler in 1947. This bout does not appear in Nat Fleischer's Record Book. Apologies, Mr. Morgant, the statement appeared in a French sports page.

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COVERING CUBA

By DR. J. A. VIEITES

AT THE Havana Boxing Arena—Jose Maria Diaz, 162¼, easily outpointed Mateo Sobrado, 160, in eight rounds.

In the semi-windup, Amado Mir, 111¾, one of the most promising Cuban young fighters, stopped Rogelio Hernandez, 117½, in the second.

At the Havana Boxing Arena—Raoul Perez, 150, gave boxing followers another slant of his progressive career by easily trouncing Jose Casal, 160¼, in eight fast rounds.

In the semi-bout, Guaperia Kid, 112, stopped Rigoberto Villalongo, 114, in the third frame.

At the Sports Palace—Before a crowd that paid $4,106.80, Miguel Mendivil, 136, won his most important victory to date by easily defeating Orlando Zulueta, 132½, Cuban lightweight champion, in a non-title bout.

Mendivil clinched his victory in the early stages of the match by twice spilling the king to the canvas. Thus Mendivil gained a titular bout, as he proved to be in his best form. This was a homage for veteran ringman, Kid Tunero. In the second star bout another promising lightweight, Rafael Lastre, 133¾, scored an impressive victory by defeating Kid Bururu, same weight, over ten rounds.

Mario (Chico) Morales, 128, former flyweight champion of Cuba, scored a close eight-round verdict over Veteran Eligio Alvarez, 126¾. Antonio Armenteros, 137, drew with Humbert Menier, 138, in six, and Oswaldo Diago, 104, outpointed Raoul Hernandez, 102¾, in the opening four-rounder.

At the Havana Boxing Arena—Luis Fuentes, 113, former flyweight champ, easily defeated Evelio Jardines, 119, in eight rounds. Jardines was twice downed in the last round and was lucky to last the distance. In the other eight-round star bout, Tomas Vega, another flyweight king, weighing 114, defeated Carlos Valdes, 117¾. Both Fuentes and Vega are 20 years old.

At the Sports Palace—Fidel Arciniega, 174½, Spain, scored a knockdown in the fifth round to clinch the unanimous verdict over Aldo Rodriguez, 177, in the ten-round star bout of the program.

Che Olivera, 151¾, won on disqualification over Joe Molina, same weight, when Molina connected Olivera after the bell sounded to end the fifth round, and was still cold half an hour after the blow.

Francisco Alfonso was lucky to receive credit for a T.K.O. in the fourth over German Viciedo, 139½. Nick Ferreiro, 126¼, defeated Ed Menendez, 122, in four, and Luis Bicet, 126½, outpointed Ramon Herrera, 130¼, also in four.

At the Havana Boxing Arena—Juan Leiva, 155, won the eight-rounder from Jesus LaMela, 151, and Alfonso Pages, 114¼, won the six-round semi-final from Carlos Valdez, 117½.

At the Palace—Tony Armenteros, 136, scored an upset by easily trouncing Damaso Collazo, 134½, in eight rounds.

Amado Mir, 114½, strong 18-year-old contender for the flyweight title, scored another impressive victory when he stopped Lazaro Mazorra, 110¾, in the third round.

Armando LaBarrere, 127½, stopped Rigo Sanabria, 127, in the fifth. Kid Coquito, 119¾, put Roberto Silveria, 117¾, to sleep in the first, while Guaperia Kid, 116¾, stopped Rafael Fuentes, 116½, in the second.

At the Palace—Armando LaBarrere, 127, won a fast, clever fight from Battling Socarras, 126½, in eight rounds.

Pedro P. Triana who had a draw with Baby Coullimber, easily defeated Jose Caslas, 157. Triana weighed 158¼.

Luis Bicet, 126, outpointed Hermes Torres, 124½, in six. Antonio LaMela, 128, gained a four-rounder from Nick Ferreiro, 127½, and Armando Diaz, 107, won the curtain-raiser from Oswaldo Diago, 103.

At Oriente—Orlando Cepeda, also known as Kid Charol, 146½, stopped Julio Pedroso, 147, in the first round. Two weeks ago Charol stopped Pedro P. Triana, also in the first. He appears to be a strong contender for the welterweight diadem. In another star bout, Raoul Perez, another strong contender for the title, weighing 148, easily outpointed Juan Leiva, 154¼, over eight rounds; while Kid Kikaro, 124, stopped Ciro Villa, 129¼, in the fourth frame. Johnsito Kid, 113, stopped Guaperia Kid, 115, in the second.

Havana Boxing Arena—Tony Casas, 174¼, scored another K.O., this time over Reynaldo Reyes, 180, in the third round of a scheduled eight-rounder. In the semi-windup, Oscar Suarez, 103¾, scored another easy victory, this time over Johnsito Kid, 112. Eligio Oviedo, 109, scored over Oswaldo Diago, 104¼, in the special.

Facts and Rumors—Kid Gavilan, our sensational welter, was picked, and rightly so, by every sports writer in Cuba, as the "Fighter of the Year," He more than proved his merits by defeating Ike Williams, "the World's Fighter of the Year." Luis Galvani has taken his career seriously again, and I'll bet anyone now that he'll stop Leo LeBrun, who held him to a draw several months back, in their return bout. Galvani will then fight Ivor Fredericks, and probably Harold Dade before getting Ortiz for the title sometime next September.

Sixteen-year-old Oscar Suarez looks like the most promising flyweight since Black Pico and Luis Fuentes came out of the amateurs. Watch him, and Amado Mir. . . . Jorge Lazo, who fought Black Pico for the vacant flyweight title two years ago, scored a T.K.O. over Mexican Monito Flores in the seventh round in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. . . . Freddie Dawson, picked as the classiest foreigner to visit us last year, proved entitled to such honor by first defeating Bee Bee Wright and then by stopping famous Bernard Docusen inside the distance weeks ago. . . . This was certainly an honor to Dawson as Sandy Saddler, Harold Dade, Manny Ortega, Gene Burton, Doug Ratford, Ben Buker and Buster Tyler visited us among others last year.

New Promoter Federico Abarrategui has many good fights in mind. . . . New Sports Director Juan Sosa Zamora wants to stage here in Havana the Robinson-Kid Gavilan title fight that will draw more than $80,000 if staged this year.

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NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

OVER 2,000 fans witnessed the Winnipeg Police's annual amateur card. The card, not on a par with previous police cards, saw Canadian amateur light-heavyweight champ, Eddy Zastre of Winnipeg K.O. Dale Rhoteman of Duluth in two rounds, while Winnipeg's ball of fire, featherweight, Franky White gained the nod over Jerry LeGarde of Duluth in the five-round semi.

Irish Jimmy Nolan of Calgary dethroned Winnipeg's Johnny Roberts as Western Canada welter king in Calgary. Nolan, in far superior physical shape, scored a ninth-round T.K.O. over the game Winnipeg scrapper. A crowd of 2,500 packed the Victoria Pavilion to witness the title match.

With Alex Sinclair doing the promoting and Jack Peppin doing the matchmaking, Port Arthur got back into the fistic whirl.

The first card of the season saw Canadian amateur lightweight champ, Eddy Zastre of Winnipeg, score a clean-cut five-round win over Amos Dorsey, Negro, of St. Catherine's, Ont. The semi saw Chick Livingstone, Winnipeg middleweight, outclass Bill Cochrane in a five-rounder.

Alex Turk, Winnipeg's wrestling promoter, continues to pack them in. Wrestling has really established itself in Winnipeg, thanks to top-flight wrestlers such as Bronko Nagurski, Joe Pazendok, Steve Kozak, Frankie Sexton and others.

A boy to watch is Del Wagner, Negro, Winnipeg lightweight.

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

CORKY GONZALES, popular Denver featherweight, continued his winning streak when he took every round in his bout with Bobby Bell, Cleveland, at Denver's City Auditorium. At ring-time, Bell, who held two decisions over Corky as an amateur, was the slight favorite to repeat his previous wins. Gonzales, who is concentrating on his punching power, had Bell on the deck in the sixth and the eighth rounds. Dick Weinhold, Denver welterweight, won a slow six-rounder over Adolphus Edwards of Des Moines. Herman Porter, 144, Denver, nodded Chick Moriarty, Ogden, Utah, in six. In four-round preliminaries, welterweight John Snell K.O.'ed Joe Kenisky in two, and middleweight Mike Riley iced Paul Bennett, also in two.

The Regional Golden Gloves Tournament was held in Denver and after seven days of amateur battle only two Denver boys came through to win "A" class championships. This change from the days when out-of-town boxers managed to cop one or two of the "A" class wins reflects the increased activity throughout the area and the definite lack of any capable trainers in the Denver area.

Denver's Handsome Joe Danos won by a T.K.O. in the seventh of his scheduled ten with Howell Steen, 157, Dallas, Texas, at Miami. Corky Gonzales, Denver featherweight, nodded Ronald Cannon at Chicago in six. Val Alvarado, 115, Denver, lost in ten to Hector Marquez, 118, El Paso. Art Irlando, Denver featherweight, is recovering from a nose operation.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By LARRY MARTIN

STEVE MARCELLO provided the most impressive bout of the month in Rhode Island as he scored an upset unanimous decision against Timothy Buddy Hayes of Boston, New England featherweight champion. Hayes came in riding high as a 10 to 4 favorite over Marcello at ringside, but the classy Providence lightweight left-jabbed and right-crossed his way to as impressive a win as has been seen here in many a moon. The result was gratifying to his many followers, who noted with interest the selection of Steve several months ago by THE RING as lightweight prospect of the month. This was Marcello's first main bout and his 18th pro start. He has yet to taste defeat. He won nine of the ten rounds

Fistic flailings were few and far between during January in Rhode Island because of the two-day stay of an ice show at the Auditorium, which tied the building up and caused a two-week layoff in fight cards.

The Marcello-Hayes bout was held on the last day of the month, but earlier, on the third, Lowell's Dave Andrews, former New England welterweight champion, came to Providence to take on Ottie Graham from Philadelphia. Graham is a good puncher, who works well in close. He had too much too often for Andrews and took a split ticket from him. Andrews returned here on the 24th to meet Chuck Taylor, Galitzen, Pa., welterweight, and proceeded to surprise everyone, including himself, by winning a split decision. The Pennsy puncher had previously appeared in Providence in mid-December and roundly trounced Frankie Abrams of Pontiac, Mich.

Taylor ran into a very strong and determined Dave Andrews as the Lowell Golden Boy punched very hard with a left hook to the body which had Taylor in trouble several times. Taylor did plenty of pounding himself, but he hasn't the steam to make a really effective punch. Taylor has now qualified for a bout with Johnny Cesario for the New England title.

With skimpy action in the local ring in January, localities were chewing the rag about Jackie Weber and his meeting on the 17th in Boston with Beau Jack. Weber wasn't given much of a chance at all and the folks were busy speculating in which round Weber would be cooled. It would be stretching the imagination too far to say that Weber is in the same class with Beau, but he did put up a good fight and went the ten rounds with Jack. Weber used every trick he knew to keep the former lightweight champ away, and did his reputation no harm at all in the encounter.

On the same card, Jackie Lovatt of Providence was cooled by Don Williams, who had met before and had lost to Lovatt on a T.K.O. because of a cut eye. This time Lovatt was doing pretty well in the early rounds, but grew careless and Williams, the Worcester choir boy, set him up, and down.

Referee Anthony "Sharkey" Buonanno was tendered a testimonial dinner on February 22 and a more deserved honor was never meted out. Sharkey has been the first always to stage benefits for fighters who are injured. He is well loved and respected hereabouts for his great personal integrity and his desire to help others.

Kenn Adams of Norwich, Connecticut, is an up-and-coming featherweight who has been doing all his fighting in Rhode Island and to date has yet to be beaten. The youngster shows plenty of class and if he continues to develop at the present rate, Adams will be heard from on a national basis. He has an eagle eye and plenty of speed. His sense of timing of late has been something to watch.

Another newcomer to the scene is young Bubber Gaughan of Pawtucket who looks like a fighter of forty years back. He combs his hair in the middle to enhance the old time effect and his boxing is done along classic lines. He is handled by the Willis and Addison combination, who may have a fighter on their hands.

Bobby Zollo, Providence middleweight, is back in training and Manager Bobby Viti expects to have him in action very soon.

George Araujo, Providence featherweight, who was going along at a sensational pace until he broke his hand, is back in the gym and will begin punching again in March. As young as he is, George figures to be a strong contender for New England featherweight honors before too many months go by.

Manager Frankie Travers has Lee Brito of East Providence in tow and he will open at Fall River next month.

Leo P. Bradley is handling the affairs of Norman Horton who won his first two fights in Providence. Bradley still manages Lucky Jordan and is taking care of Joey Angelo, Ernie Forte and Johnny Potenti.

Larry Barry of Brockton has brought Johnny Duffy to Providence two weeks in a row and the welter has scored two wins. He has a good record as an amateur and will show in Providence often in the future.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

HOLYOKE, MASS.—Ray Lewis of Hawaii won a close decision over Lou Joyce of Philadelphia, Pa., in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. Ray Dulmaine of Worcester, Mass., and Bobby Henry of Albany, N. Y., fought a five-round draw. Rollie Johns, of Albany, N. Y., won in six rounds from Angel Chavez of Springfield, Mass. Billy Roberts of Hartford, Conn., won in five from Johnny Olms of Springfield, Mass. Harry Bilzerian of Worcester, Mass., won in five from Leo West of Albany, N. Y.

Holyoke, Mass.—Joe Blackwood of Paterson, N. J., gained a one-sided decision from Heywood Wornum of Boston, Mass., in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. In the six-round semi, Frankie Ross of Boston, Mass., lost a close decision to Gordon Hill of Biddeford, Me. Harry Alberts of Middletown, Conn., knocked out Lou Manni of Boston, Mass., in the second. LeRoy Andrews of Boston, Mass., won a T.K.O. over Norman Bennett of Boston, Mass., in the third. Bobby Hanacek of Springfield, Mass., won a split decision over Mike Cartalano of Boston in a five-rounder.

Holyoke, Mass.—Charlie (Cabey) Lewis of Brooklyn, N. Y., won a unanimous decision over Georgie Dunn of Hartford, Conn., in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. Bobby Polowitzer of Hartford, Conn., won over Mel Evans of Providence, R. I., in six. Sal DeMartino of Hartford, Conn., won over Norman Hill of Biddeford, Me., in six. Bill Sanders of Springfield, Mass., defeated Al Pinel of New Bedford, Mass., in six. Bobby Hanacek of Springfield, Mass., and Jim Lamprey of Worcester, Mass., fought a draw in four rounds.

Holyoke, Mass.—Jimmy Collins of Philadelphia, Pa., proved again that he is the master of Harry LaSane of Houston, Texas, by defeating him in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. LaSane's back-pedalling and wide-arm swings to Collins' elbows and shoulders captured the fancy of the fans and the referee, who scored the fight even. Sometimes I wonder?

Sal DeMartino of Hartford, Conn., scored an easy win over Frankie Ross of Boston, Mass., in six rounds. Ray Dulmaine of Worcester, Mass., and Norman Hill of Biddeford, Me., fought a draw in five rounds. LeRoy Andrews of Boston, Mass., scored a knockout over George McCoy of South Hadley, Mass., in the third round. In the opening four-rounder, Harry Balzerian of Worcester, Mass., won a decision over Jimmy Barnett of Springfield.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

GEORGE ROSS, Canadian middleweight champion, retained his title, stopping Joe Pyle of New Waterford, N. S., in the third of a scheduled 12-round title bout at the Halifax, N. S., Armouries.

Ringside observers report that Pyle, who was in command of the battle, came rushing out of his corner in the third, shook Ross up with a series of left and right-hand punches, and moving in for the kill, drilled over a right labelled with a K.O., which missed the target. Ross unleashed a right-hand smash, which exploded on Pyle's chin, crashing him on the canvas for the count.

Ross, with his game and aggressive style of fighting, is the Maritime's outstanding fistic attraction and the win over Pyle was his 34th professional fight without a defeat.

Red Graham, 135, of Dartmouth, N. S., punched out a six-round unanimous decision over Keith Paris, 130, of New Glasgow, in the semi-final.

Bobby Gammon, 136, Dartmouth, N. S., stiffened Lloyd Carr, 140, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., in the fourth round.

In the curtain-raiser Dick Moore outpointed Bernie Fletcher, both of Halifax, N. S.

Bridgewater, N. S.—Lawrence Grace, undefeated South Shore middleweight, punched out a one-round knockout over Lou Moulaison of Yarmouth in the feature bout.

Kid Jarvis, 125, of Liverpool, N. S., defeated Jackie Connors, 123, of Truro, in the semi-final.

Bod Redden, 124, of Springhill, and Tupper Collins, 118, of Truro, fought a draw.

Tony Anthony, 125, Bridgewater, won a unanimous decision over Guy Dorington, 122, of Truro.

Two locals, Red Kennedy and Sonny Pride, mixed it up for three rounds in the curtain-raiser.

Clarke's Harbor, N. S.—Middleweight Alvin Upshaw of Halifax decisioned Kid Jenkins in the eight-round feature attraction. Mickey Ross decisioned Charley Frazzel in six rounds. Mac Swim outpointed Kid Uhlam. Killer Smith and Terry Wayboat fought a draw. Billy Nickerson outpointed Tarrol Fraser.

Percy Paris, New Glasgow, lightweight, outpointed Nero Ferry at Worcester, Mass. Ferry, considered one of New England's most promising fighters, had won 18 straight bouts previous to meeting Paris.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREALERS were treated to a couple of good fight shows to get the 1949 season off to a flying start. Another prospective first-rate card, slated for January 31 at the Forum, with Johnny Greco matched up with Beau Jack, was cancelled when Jack claimed an injured hand. Promoter Raoul Godbout, figuring that the Jack interests were trying to take an offer to meet Vince Foster, hustled to New York and, after some difficulty, signed Jack to meet Greco here on March 14.

Godbout staged the first card of the year with more than 7,000 fans paying over $18,000 to see Laurent Dauthuille, middleweight importation from France, punch out a hard-fought ten-round verdict over Ralph (Ripper) Zannelli at the Forum. The young Frenchman, with a seven-pound pull in poundage, had too much zip and fire for the aging veteran.

Danny Webb, peppery Negro scrapper, who held the Canadian lightweight title a short time ago, bounced right back into the spotlight in the other scheduled ten-rounder by battering the current Canadian featherweight king, Jean Richard, to a knockout defeat in seven rounds. Webb lost little time, walked right in and blasted away merrily with both hands. Richard, unable to cope with Webb's speed and tireless punching, had been floored a couple of times and was a human punching bag when nearly knocked through the ropes in the seventh. Referee Gaston Deschamps wisely halted it then.

Sensational action featured Jimmie McKimmie's offering at the Coliseum. In fact, the two last bouts of the evening had the fans on their feet practically all the way and it was voted as probably the best card ever staged there and one of the best seen in the city for a long time. The gate was close to the $4,500 mark.

Gaby Ferland, flashy local welter, and Pete Zaduck, rugged middleweight from Guelph, Ontario, were the principals in the ten-round main event. The fight was a thriller-diller, see-sawing from one to the other, and both were all in at the finish after a frenzied final round that saw them rip-tearing away like wildcats.

Zaduck had quite a pull in the weights, which almost forced the bout to be called off. He came in at 161 to Ferland's 145 at the weigh-in, and the Ferland camp rightly refused to give away 16 pounds, as the match had originally been made at 155 pounds. Zaduck then went to the steam baths and took massages, and shed some five pounds the afternoon of the fight. He still had a big edge in weight, but was somewhat weakened, which was obvious when he tired badly during the middle rounds. Two draws and a ballot for Ferland was erroneously announced as a decision for Ferland. Later it was changed officially to a draw verdict.

Another furious battle was the six-rounder between Mario Massaro, promising young welter, and Fernanda Cervan, a rugged, hard-hitting lad. Massaro had an edge in the first half of the fight, his superior boxing standing him in good stead. Cervan came back strong to nail Mario often with looping rights to the jaw and they slambanged to a furious finish, the draw decision proving popular. A rematch would be a natural.

Plenty of action was furnished in the other bouts. Ian MacNeil outpunched crafty Nick Melnick in a hard-hitting middleweight six-round tussle. Many favored MacNeil by a K.O., but Melnick was much too smart and ringwise. His performance was excellent in view of his rustiness from lack of action. Herman Cosgrove,, rising lightweight, punched out a cleancut win over Rocky Brisebois in another hard-hitting six-rounder. Cosgrove bears watching.

Mannie Spivak, Harry Sheppard's youthful bantam protege, scored his fifth straight when he uncorked two body smashes to knock out Claude Meunier, Dave Castilloux's battler, in a four-rounder. Noel Gagnon, Sylvio Mireault's sturdy little featherweight, flattened Raymond Moisan in two heats. Moisan should hang up for keeps.

Stray Shots—Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf looming as likely opponent locally for Gaby Ferland. At this writing has accepted offer to fight Jimmy Dinardo of Berlin, N. H., on LaMotta-Dauthuille card. . . . Pete Zaduck may fight George (Rockabye) Ross for Canadian middleweight crown soon. . . . Tony Mancuso claims Quebec promoters pulled fast one on him. Says he contracted to box Frankie Belanger in a six-rounder, then in the ring they announced it was an eight-rounder. Mancuso, though having better of fight, walked out of ring after the sixth round. Belanger given fight by technical knockout. The matter should be properly investigated. Up to the commission. . . . Well, Montreal Commission pulls enough boners to mess up game. . . . It is a wonder boxing can go along so well despite such handicaps. . . . We can never see why politicians should govern boxing game. . . . Yours truly not in trust company business anymore. . . . Still at Y.M.C.A. . . . Phone number is MArquette 4171. . . . Cheerio till next month.

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IT'S THE BIBLE OF BOXING!

NEBRASKA BOXING
By FLOYD HAYES

VINCE FOSTER, Nebraska state welterweight champion of Omaha, brought new prestige to boxing in the Cornhusker State when he clashed with tough Tony Pellone, 146½, New York, in the main event of the Madison Square Garden slugfest before 14,421 applauding fans.

Omaha boxing fans were not surprised to hear that Vince had belted out the New York Italian. The Omaha ring fans had predicted big things of Foster as they have watched him improve rapidly with each fight after going under the tutoring of Jack Hurley. We in Nebraska were delighted at Vince's success.

The 1949 boxing season opened with a bang in Nebraska! Joe Louis, the king of the heavyweights, came to Omaha and all the boxing fans from Aunt Maggie to wee Willie, turned out to see him display his ring ability in a four-round exhibition with Sterling Ingram, army sergeant, who is boxing instructor at Lowry Field at Denver, Colo. Fans, in the number of 4,586, shoved $12,081.50 through the ticket windows. The advance sale was brisk and when the doors were opened the night of the fight the S.R.O. sign was up. The ancient City Auditorium was bulging.

The exhibition itself was mild, with Ingram not too willing to mix it up and Joe content to chase him around the ring. However, the fans were satisfied. Joe scaled 219 and Ingram came in at 199½.

In the semi-windup Earl Wenbourne, 163, Wayne, Neb., had to work hard to chalk up his eighth win and keep his slate clean since joining the professional ranks. He managed to gain the nod over Larry Davis, 165, Bassett, Neb., in the six-rounder. Wenbourne shook the awkward looking cowpoke on several occasions, but Davis kept his left hand in Wenbourne's face most of the evening, but as for Davis' right hand, it never saw action.

In the six-round special event Joey Hartfield, 165½, Omaha, and Dick Smith, 163, Oklahoma City, ended the affair in a draw. Hartfield finished strong and had the left eye of Smith flowing the crimson tide at the final bell.

In the prelims: The best go of the evening brought together Len Thomas, 135½, Los Angeles, and Bobby Carew, 131, Des Moines, with Thomas carrying off the six-round decision. It was a pier-sixer throughout with both boys throwing all caution to the wind and slugging it out. The fans loved this bout and their roars of approval echoed to the rafters. Bob Rossie, 152½, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a newcomer to the pro ranks, carried off a four-round nod over Leonard Craig, 145½, Omaha. Jimmy Bartlett, 136, Macy, Neb., Indian, and former mid-West Golden Gloves king, technically knocked out Don McBriar, 136, Offutt Field Air Base, Omaha. The referee stepped in and called a halt to the uneven scrap in the second heat. Bartlett has been very busy since joining the pro ranks and bears watching. Wiley Ferguson, 179½, Kearney, Neb., was awarded a knockout over James Motley, 192, Alliance, Neb., in the second round. It was more the lack of training on Motley's part than the blows of Ferguson that brought the win by kayo to Ferguson. Alex Fidler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Joe Smogye of Omaha shared the duties of referee.

Vince Foster won a hard-fought ten-rounder from Phil Burton, 143½, New York, before the second largest gate in Omaha in a decade. Fans to the number of 4,682 turned out and poured $15,-145 into the till. Burton is a cutey, dandy counter-puncher and a master of defense, and was truly up to form in his bout with the Cornhusker clouter. Referee Alex Fidler scored it seven rounds for Foster, two rounds for Burton and one round even.

There were no knockdowns in the fight and it was apparent that Burton had made up his mind to be on his feet and fighting when the final bell sounded. He was an expert at blocking blows with his gloves and elbows. Although Foster was able to penetrate his defense often enough to win the majority of the rounds, he never had over a two-point margin on any round.

Burton didn't care to mix it with the hard-hitting Nebraska welter. He would spurt with a few straight rights or lefts to the head or stomach of Foster and then go back into the shell. Foster weighed in at 147 pounds.

In the semi-windup, Earl Wenbourne, 161½, Lincoln, belted Virgil Strauss, 173, Chicago, from pillar to post to chalk up his ninth win without a defeat since joining the ranks as a professional glove tosser, winning the six-round nod.

In the six-round special event, Alvin Williams, 164, Wichita, Kas. (1948 National Golden Gloves Champ), won the nod over Larry Davis, 167½, Bassett, Neb.

In the preliminaries: Wiley Ferguson, 175½, Kearney, Neb., drew in six rounds with Jimmy Sheets, 169, Gary, Ind. Jimmy Bartlett, 135½, Macy, Neb., and Bobby Carew, 133, Des Moines, Iowa, drew in four rounds. Harold McDonald, 128, Omaha, decisioned Joey Romano, 129½, Topeka, Kas., in four rounds. It was a sharp left jab of McDonald which paved the way to the win. However, McDonald hit the deck on five occasions, three of which were uncalled for, he hit the deck to avoid being hit. The boy lacks a fighting heart. Romano tired in the final round and McDonald had his face streaming with blood with his rapier-like left.

Bob Morley, Sioux City, Iowa, shared the refereeing duties with Alex Fidler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Short Jabs—After winning the Nebraska State High School boxing championship for three consecutive years, Boys Town, Neb., has dropped all boxing activities and turned to wrestling in the Omaha Intercity High School wrestling circles. . . . A train-auto accident at a Wiggins, Colo., railroad crossing on New Year's Eve, claimed the life of Pat "Mike" O'Leary. He was a former Golden Glover, having won the 1944 mid-West Golden Gloves flyweight crown. . . . Among the boxers traveling throughout the month: Jimmy Watson, 162, Omaha, was knocked out at 1:32 of the eighth heat of a scheduled ten-round main event with Kenny Barton, 161, Arkansas City, Kas. The fight was on the Joe Louis-Orlan Ott exhibition card at Topeka, Kas. . . . Joe Romano, 126, Topeka, Kas., decisioned Jesse Watson, 123, Omaha, in the same card. . . . Tex Boddie, 194½, Omaha, who is a forgotten figure in the Omaha boxing world, made a trip to the state of the swaying palms. He was knocked out in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-rounder with Elmer "Violent" Ray, 205, Hastings, Fla., at Miami, Fla.

Joe Danos, Denver welterweight, who made Omaha his headquarters for some time, scored a seventh-round kayo over Howell Steen, Dallas, Texas, in a Miami, Fla., main event. . . . Out in Hollywood, Calif., J. T. Ross, the pride of San Jose, clipped the winning streak of Don Lee, Edison, Neb., (Nebraska middleweight champion). Lee had chalked up a skein of 20 consecutive wins before his loss to Ross by a T.K.O. in the eighth beat. Ross kept on top of Lee all the way, never letting him get set to throw his more effective punches, and Ross continually scored to the Lee chin with his hard right hand. Ross outpointed Lee all the way and was on the verge of a knockout when the referee stepped in and called the bout to a halt.

IN INDIANA RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

WITH the conclusion of Golden Gloves tournaments in Indiana, the promoters of professional bouts must get down to business and give Indiana some good boxing shows. In Indianapolis boxing draws a poor gate, much less than any other sport. Possibly the importing of some first-grade belters from surrounding cities could stimulate the gate or regularly held shows would be a big help. Amateur boxing drew capacity crowds all over Indiana. Pro boxing should do the same.

After the first of the year when a new governor was appointed to office there was much talk and many rumors that there would be a big shakeup in the State Athletic Commission office. There may not be any changes made. Some of the members have from a year to two years to serve and their appointments are governed by statutes. The present commission, with Archie Hindman as chairman and Newton Ringer, secretary, has done a commendable job. Other members are Ralph Yates and Curtiss Pitts.

Gene Jackson of Jackson's gym and Al Farb of the Washington A. C., have combined forces and will operate out of the latter club. Farb handles the Roberts twins and Jackson has a promising youngster in Joe Arthur, a middleweight.

Joe Sgro, Indiana's state welter champ, is now being handled by Tom Benedict of Indianapolis. Sgro, a popular belter, recently won the state crown by winning over Bob Simmons in ten rounds. Since, Sgro has beaten Al Selby, Gene Gudgill and fought a close one with Vince Foster in Chicago. Benedict has big plans for his puncher and is looking for some spots to book him. Benedict's address 746 S. East Street.

Gene Parker, classy Indianapolis lightweight, is moving up the ladder. He pelted wins over Bob Keeling and Doug Medley in Louisville. He also won over Sidney Caple in Chicago, then dropped one to Eddie Marrotta, also in the Windy City.

Billy Roberts and Willard Reed, two Indianapolis heavyweights, appeared in a good ten-round scrap for the benefit of the polio fund and the bout ended in a draw. The fight, held in Indianapolis, was promoted by the Indianapolis boxing center and Bob Stranahan, sports editor of the "Star." Roberts is a private in the army and Reed is a member of the Indianapolis police force.

Paul Terry, promising middleweight, chalked up a win and a draw over Ernie Doyle of Michigan City in Chicago. Terry is a former Golden Gloves middleweight champ.

Jim Chaney, 140, Indianapolis, is back in the win columns. He scored decisions over Bob Duane in Louisville and Bob McCarthy in St. Louis.

One of the biggest stables and the busiest in the mid-West belongs to Tom Leeper of Indianapolis. He has a large number of pros and simonpures and keeps them busy. Leeper is assisted by Tiny Bland, capable trainer, who also holds separate contracts for fighters of his own, namely Gene Parker, Chuck McGow and Paul Terry. The Leeper stable includes Sparky Reynolds, Woody Green, Harold Green, Jim Chaney, Jim Watkins, Bob Sikes and Johnny Denson.

This year's amateur shows produced the usual amount of ambitious fighters. Outstanding were Andy Anderson, Robin Hood and Roland Gerrard.

Chuck McGow, Indianapolis featherweight, was another who punched out wins in other cities. He won over Buddy Barrington in Chicago and Pee Wee Watkins in Dayton.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

ONE of the busiest ringmen in the nation during the 1948 season was little Jesse (Topper) Underwood, Huntington, junior lightweight, who went to the post some 31 times, of which 27 were ten spots. In three outings at Tony Stecher's Minneapolis club, the "Topper" defeated Bobby Carew twice and lost a rip-snorter to game little Eddie Marotta.

Promoter-Matchmaker Sid Goldberg presented the fistic fans of Toledo a bang-up boxing bill, featuring heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Pittsburgh's Art Swiden in a good four-frame exhibition.

In supporting ten-rounders, Ronnie Harper, Charleston's pugnacious lightweight, gave Detroit's Talmadge Bussey a real run for his money, but ended up on the short end of the decision. Ronnie rocked the ever-dangerous Bussey numerous times with his good right mitt, but was unable to deck the youngster from the Wolverine State. This scrap was a real Pier Sixer, with both boys pitching everything they could muster. The show netted around 10 G's.

One of the pioneers of boxing in the Mountain State is George K. Brown of Wheeling. Brownie has served in every capacity, including promoter, manager, referee and second.

A. J. Holley, Jr., made his promotional debut at Charleston's Armory on January 24, and presented a very well balanced bill. The site of the show, the American Legion Armory, is a small auditorium, but it was packed this night. The show grossed around $2900, and showed the new promoter a fair profit.

Results: Willard Coffey, 147, decisioned Charley Howard, 150, 10; Ronnie Harper, 134, defeated Wild Bill Clark, 142, 6; Reggie Martina, 126, won a T.K.O. over Jimmy Ellars, 126, 4; Don Beagle, 125, won over Tommy Coffey, 122, in a real close bout, 6.

Everett (Sparky) Reynolds, Huntington welter, who has been out of action for a number of months, is back in harness, according to Manager Tom Leeper. Reynolds now lives in Indianapolis.

Prospect of the Month—Tommy Coffey of Charleston. Although just a rookie, Tommy is rapidly learning the trade, and shows real promise.

A Prediction—Noel Humphreys, featherweight; Junior Arose, bantam, and Bobby Bowles, lightweight, will walk away with the titles in their respective weights in the *Advertiser* Golden Gloves tournament. And we sincerely believe that Humphreys will cop the 126-pound bauble in the New York meet. This youngster is terrific.

This corner recently heard from an old Mountain State warrior of the early 30's, Tiger Hairston. The Tiger is now making his residence in Philadelphia.

Flash! Promoter Dick Deutsch and Matchmaker Jack Sheppard just announced the signing of Fitzie Fitzpatrick, the Oak Hill Irishman, and Bob Garner of Louisville, to tangle in a ten-rounder. This will mark Fitzie's first showing here since turning to the pro field. His activities have been confined to the West Coast. The show will be held in Huntington at Radio Center Arena. (Results next issue.)

Our good friend, Walter Ketchel, who until recently resided in Charleston, is now braving the cold wintry winds of Chicago.

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NEWS FROM GUAM
By FRANK SCOFIELD

JIMMY BELL beat Francisco de LaCruz in ten rounds. They put up a poor exhibition. Small Quenten scored in eight rounds over Andy Anderson, who was floored twice. Johnny Torres beat Al Bashe in four. Killer Dean McAtlee scored over Willie Minsky in four. Chuck Ab Young stopped Terry Mindano in 2:55 of the second round.

ADDITIONAL BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

PHILIP KIM, 144½, scored a TKO win over rugged Chuck Cureton, 143, of Los Angeles, in the eighth round at the Civic Auditorium on January 25th. This victory definitely proved that Kim is now ready for bigger matches. Except for being a bit wild at times, Kim had things pretty much his own way throughout the battle. He kept pounding the Los Angeles gamester with bruising left hooks and straight rights and was landing these punches almost at will during most of the rounds. Cureton kept trying all along, even going so far as to start an attack of his own on several occasions, but his punches lacked authority and failed to make a dent in Kim's all-out offensive.

In the eighth Kim cornered his opponent and started pounding him more furiously than ever. Cureton sagged to the floor, managed to come up at the count of nine, but his handlers had already conceded victory to Kim by throwing in the towel.

Richard Cabral, 137¾, upset favorite James Botelho, 135½, territorial lightweight champion, in the five-round semi-final. It was a non-title bout. George Sanchez, 120¾, beat Charley Colon, 123¾, in 4 rounds. Bobby Sanders, 118¼, out-hit Billy Bolilan, 120, to score a close 4-round win. Speedy Waianae, 115, knocked out Eddie Abordo, 112, in the second of the four-round opener.

Robert Takeshita, who outside of Frankie Fernandez is probably the greatest welterweight developed in the Islands, ruined his chance for national recognition and eclipsed his future earning power by putting on an "unsatisfactory" performance against Rudy Cruz of Los Angeles at the Honolulu Stadium on February 1. The fight, scheduled for 10 rounds, was stopped after 48 seconds of the eighth round by Referee Walter Cho and declared "no contest."

Referee Walter Cho explained later that the fight was stopped on the grounds that "Both parties were not performing up to their fullest capabilities," and that he had reached his decision only after having warned both fighters repeatedly and after consulting the two judges, Kenneth Olds and Albert Botelho, several times during the course of battle. Both of the judges agreed.

The fight started off at a fast clip with Takeshita holding the edge by virtue of his hard body punches. In the second round Takeshita went down for an automatic eight count from what appeared like several light taps to the head. Little was thought of this incident at the time as Takeshita had gone down in previous fights from similar blows. Moreover, after getting up, he sailed into Cruz and decked him twice in a row for counts of eight and nine with hard body punches. Two low blows in this torrid exchange cost Takeshita two points.

Everybody expected Takeshita to finish Cruz in the third round but he seemed content to bob and weave throughout the round without trying to land a blow. It was at this stage that the fans first voiced their disapproval at Takeshita's lackadaisical attitude.

The fourth and fifth rounds were repetitions of the third. In the sixth Takeshita uncorked a hard left to the chin which sent Cruz reeling but again Takeshita failed to follow up his advantage.

In the seventh Takeshita floored the Mexican fighter three different times and there was little doubt that he could have finished the fight then and there or at least in the next round.

But when Takeshita seemingly didn't try for a knockout in the eighth, the referee stepped in and stopped the fight.

Of the 5,971 fans who paid $17,624.80 to witness the match, there wasn't a dissenting voice against the action taken by the referee.

Robert Takeshita weighed 141 to Rudy Cruz's 128½.

An investigation of the "no contest" affair was conducted the following day by the territorial boxing commission with the following results:

1. Robert Takeshita and Rudy Cruz were suspended indefinitely and fined the full amount of their purses which amounted to $2,598.46 each. Rudy Cruz said that his poor showing was due to the low blows he had received in the second round.

2. Promoter Leo Leavitt's license to promote was suspended indefinitely.

Adrian DeMello, one of the commissioners, stated that Leo Leavitt had told him after the fight that "the deal was the boys were to have no knockdowns during the fight."

3. Gus Wilson, manager of Rudy Cruz, was suspended indefinitely.

Dr. Paul Withington, chairman of the territorial boxing commission, made the following statement:

"Our action was taken against the boxers on the fact of the poor fight and their unsatisfactory explanation of the reason for the poor fight. The action against Manager Wilson was taken because in his attempt to explain the poor fight his fighter put up, he blamed it on a foul—which claim, he knows, does not hold water under the rules of the commission. The low blow was simply an excuse which we do not accept.

"In the case of Leo Leavitt, his statements to Commissioner Adrian DeMello immediately after the fight are sufficient cause for doubt whether we want him as a promoter until we have sufficient proof of his integrity."

Other results: Henry Davis, 127¼, decisioned Bonnie Espinosa, 127½, in the six-round semi-final. Mike Inez, 129½, won over Carl Arakaki, 129, 4 rounds. Charlie Colon, 122¾, outpointed Billy Bolilan, 122, 4 rounds. Joe Jumao-as, 117, held the edge over Bobby Sanders, 119¼, in the four-round opener.

Charles "CHUCK" Riley, 125, of St. Louis, Mo., won an easy decision over Honolulu's Chico Rosa, 126, top ranking bantam- and featherweight contender, in an interesting ten round bout held at the Civic Auditorium.

Packing a powerful straight right which he landed solidly about twice during the fight, Riley won the fight on pure aggressiveness. He had Chico on the run during the greater part of the fight. While the decision was split, one judge voting in Rosa's favor, there was no doubt that the St. Louis featherweight was the better man. And the crowd of 2,864 fans who paid $8,464.50 to watch the melee, heartily agreed with the verdict and jeered the judge who had cast his vote for a Rosa win.

Most of the rounds were close except for the seventh when Riley landed his right, sending Chico reeling into the ropes. Chico was obviously hurt but managed to survive the round by backpedalling during the remaining seconds. Riley definitely held the edge in the last three rounds on the strength of his harder punches.

Other results: Gus Rosa, 122½, scored a TKO win over Louis Langley, 122½, in the third of a scheduled four round fight. Johnny Efhan, 127¾, knocked out William Candido, 131¼, in the third of a four. Charley Colon, 126½, decisioned Jimmy Nagao, 125¾, in another four rounder. Bobby Sanders, 119, beat Joe Jumao-as, 119¾, in the four round opener.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

By CHESTER NORTON

AL PRINCIPE began his 1949 promotional campaign with a bang on January 20, providing an almost full house with the best show here in about two years. There was never a dull moment in any of the five bouts. The climax came in the main event when Roy Wouters was outboxed, outpunched and even outfought by game Billy Corbett for ten rounds. Corbett even bettered Wouters at Roy's own style, much to the latter's bewilderment. Yet the fight was close, but not close enough for anyone to believe that the decision was out of line except one judge, who was of the opinion that a draw decision would be correct. He was treated to the fans' well-known Bronx cheer.

The semi-windup had thrills almost equal to the main event, as Hal Robbins and Dick Wolfe fought to an interesting eight-round draw. Robbins held the edge in speed, condition and skill while Wolfe had the necessary punch to keep things on an even basis. Robbins almost went down in round one from a beautifully timed right hand but boxed his way out nicely and thereafter was never in any real difficulty.

Jeris Jamel, making his pro debut in his home town, used Kelly Jackson as a stepping stone and also a punching bag as he hit Jackson at will for three full rounds and two minutes and 48 seconds of the fourth, until Jackson thought he had been on the receiving end long enough. Kelly Jackson was counted out at the above-mentioned time.

Bill Brenner, looking better every time out, continued his winning ways via an impressive K.O. win over Al Johan, who was down for nine in the first round before finally succumbing at 1:50 of the third from Bill's potent uppercuts. Terry Forrest K.O.'ed Les Webb in the second round of a scheduled four-round opener.

Freddie Steele, featherweight of local fame, has indicated he will possibly attempt a comeback. He is best remembered for his crowd-thrilling battles with Paulie Cook. It is, however, the writer's personal opinion that Freddie will be making a grave mistake. Fans still recall his good fights and have forgotten his last inept showing when he fought Joey Ortega. It is better to leave the former type of impression rather than force the paying public to forget the way he looked when he was riding the crest of local popularity.

FROM JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA

By WILF GARFORTH

THE White Coty Stadium ran off a tournament in which the best talent in the Johannesburg sector took part. It was originally planned when Ralph and Woodcock were to have met but since that bout has been postponed until March 26, the club decided to go through with its program.

Johnny Williams of Great Britain stopped Nick Wolmarans of Pretoria, who came out of retirement to test the Britisher in 8 rounds. Wolmarans, 192; Williams, 178. The fight went four rounds and Wolmarans retired with an injured right hand, but it was just as well as he was no match for Williams.

In a fight for the South African lightweight title over 12 rounds, Jimmy Toweel, 132¾, forced Fanie Bushney, 133, to retire at the end of the ninth round with severe cuts on both eyes. Toweel, who has been out of the ring for some time, was not impressive and should have won in the fifth round when he had Bushney reeling from a vicious right to the jaw.

In another title fight, with the middleweight crown at stake, George Angelo, 155½, demonstrated his superiority over rugged Ewie Ehlers, 157¾. Angelo gained a well earned points decision.

Don Carr, 152, South African welter champion, won a drab fight over 8 rounds when he outpointed Tony Liversage, 145.

Vic Toweel, Olympic representative, 116, scored a two-round K.O. over Johannes Landman, 116, in his first professional fight.

George Hunter, 172, beat Gerry Mulder, 164, winner of the recent novices' heavyweight competition, on points over four rounds.

NEWS

Believe it or not Ralph is already favorite for his fight with Woodcock on March 26.

A Hollander, Harry Bos, fighting in the welter division, is being imported by the W.C.S.C. He is 28 years old and his best performance to date is that of taking Giel de Roode in a close ten-round decision.

Non-European boxing in Durban has been suspended until April at the earliest owing to the recent serious disturbances between the Indians and natives in those parts. Police and troops had to be called out to quell the riots which took on ugly proportions.

Ben Sherman is coming to the Union for a series of wrestling bouts.

Leo Demetral is Henry Irslinger's latest importation for local matmen.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

By LARRY JONAS

BIG fistic news here this month was the change in the promoting combine of the local Madison Square Garden. Paul Clinite is now running the show alone, after buying out Jim Nicholson, his erstwhile partner. The separation was amicable, Nicholson bowing out of the picture in order to devote his time to other interests.

In his ten round scrap with Mario Cabrera, 142, Charlie Salas, 145, won by a comfortable edge but his margin of victory was not decisive enough to satisfy the fans. Charlie elected to hit and run against his tough, rough and tumble opponent, and the crowd wasn't overly pleased with the Salas tactics.

In the semi, Chino Alonzo, 130, had little difficulty in trouncing Mike Branda, 130, over the six-round route.

Preliminaries: Wendy Gallant, 168, stopped Marcus Jarimelle, 162, two; Billy Hale, 123, halted Jim McKissick, four; Sherman Liggins, 135, put the quietus on Johnny Reza, one.

Alvaro Estrada hit the deck in the first round in his joust with Frankie Lieberman, but the bell saved him and he was able to ride out the next nine rounds without running into difficulty. Frankie had things pretty much his own way throughout the fight, but Alvaro's backpedalling tactics made him an elusive target. Estrada came in at 136 as did Lieberman.

In the semi, Al Lopez, 126, and Jimmie Dunn, 122, put on a savage fight for six rounds, with Lopez earning the duke. It was a thriller all the way.

Preliminaries: Billy Hale, 124, flattened Chico Gomez, three; Don Phillips, 146, scored a K.O. over Rudy Reed, 145, two; Sherman Liggins, 135, stiffened Johnny Reza, two.

Manny Ortego found Sonny Gomez to be plenty hard to handle, but he did well enough to earn the unanimous decision in their ten-round fracas. Ortega won handily, but he had a busy evening on his hands against the capable kid from Denver. Both weighed in at 130 pounds.

The semi saw Chino Alonzo, 134, belting out Joey Montes, 139, in 1:58 of the first round.

Preliminaries: El Tigre de Cananea, 139, laid out Tony Montes, 139, three; Angel Grado, 125, finished Billy Hale, 124, two; Dick Rivers, 130, stopped Sherman Liggins, 130, one.

Benny Evans, 148, earned sweet revenge for his recent T.K.O. loss against Young Amado, 156, by reversing the decision with ease in their return go. Amado made a fight of it for all ten rounds, but Evans' superior boxing ability made it a pretty one-sided exhibition.

Wendy Gallant, 172, took the six-round semi by dropping Danny Obregon, 169, to the canvas in two different rounds, but Danny was able to stay on his feet thereafter and wound up in good condition.

Preliminaries: Al Carlisle, 164, T.K.O.'ed Karl Lawton, 158, two; Gerardo Munoz, 138, decisioned Hank Davis, 130, four; Whitey Henley, 148, stopped Simon Navarro, 145, two.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By CHARLIE LONGO

ANOTHER boy who is on the comeback trail and doing well, is Sal Bartolo, ex-featherweight champion of the world. Sal looked good in polishing off his opponent, Bobby English, Fall River favorite, in three heats of a main bout all-star card in Boston Gardens.

Boston, Mass.—Roy Andrews, Lowell, 134½, outpointed Eduardo Carrasco, Peru, 134, 10; Joe McDonald, 146, Charlestown, TKO'ed Carter Holmes, 143, Boston, 4; Mike Saad, 149, Manchester, N. H., and Harold Alle, 153, Boston, drew, 6; Billy Paul, 144, Cambridge, defeated Johnny Priest, 140, Boston, 6.

Salem—Percy Paris, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, outpointed Alfredo Pescatore, Naples, Italy, 8; Red Perkins, Lynn, 139½, kayoed Gene La Blanc, 138½, Fall River, 1.

Fall River—Andy Bishop, 128, Fall River, TKO'ed Tony Ferry, 128, Fall River, 5; Eddie Moniz, Fall River, 146, kayoed Mike Saad, 149, Manchester, N. H., 3.

Worcester—Don Williams, 143½, Worcester, kayoed Billy Strauss, 148½, Paterson, N. J., 3; Mario Rucci, 132½, Worcester, kayoed Roger Lessard, 132½, Manchester, N. H., 3; Billy Paul, 145, Boston, TKO'ed Angel Chavez, 142½, Springfield, 5.

Lewiston, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 140½, Bath, outpointed Johnny Priest, 139, Boston, 10.

Boston, Mass.—George Ross, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, defeated Wilfredo Miro, Hartford, 10; Percy Paris, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, 129½, defeated Dom Saia, 129, Boston, 10.

Salem, Mass.—Roy Andrews, 131, Lowell, kayoed Young Junior, 134½, Springfield, 2; Emil Jean, 141, Manchester, N. H., outpointed Lou Bell, 139½, Lowell, 6.

Portland, Me.—Jean Richards, 131½, Montreal, outpointed Mal Evans, 126½, Providence, 10; Lloyd Hudson, 133, Bath, and Noel Gagnon, 127, Montreal, drew, 6.

Fall River—Johnny La Rosso, 136, N. Y., outpointed Willie Stevenson, 132, Providence, 10; Gene La Blanc, 135, Fall River, kayoed Curley Drouin, 135, Portland, 2.

Worcester—Iggy Vaccaro, 138, East Boston, TKO'ed Romeo Ouimet, 145, Montreal, 4; Mario Rucci, 130, Worcester, kayoed Dick Egan, 126, Bangor, Me., 3; Jackie Wilson, 149, Quincy, outpointed Mike Saad, 148, Manchester, N. H., 8.

Boston, Mass.—Dave Andrews, 134, Lowell, outpointed Buddy Holderfield, 135, Long Beach, N. Y., 10; Jackie Morris, 165, Roxbury, outpointed Jimmy Rice, 160½, Boston, 8; Francis Collins, 117, Boston, stopped Johnny Olms, 118, Springfield, 2; Tony De Marco, 132½, Boston, TKO'ed Joe Pilazzo, 130, Roxbury, 2; Billy Murray, 135, Roxbury, kayoed Bobby Williams, 134, Fort Devens, 3.

Salem—Red Perkins, 140½, Lynn, outpointed Pat Shannon, 139½, Everett, Mass., 10.

Boston—Sal Bartolo, ex-featherweight champion, TKO'ed Bobby English, Fall River, 3; Beau Jack, 139½, Atlanta, Georgia, ex-lightweight champion, outpointed Jackie Weber, 137½, Pawtucket, R. I., 10; Don Williams, 140½, Worcester, TKO'ed Jackie Lovett, 142, Providence, 10; Bill Daley, 153½, Brookline, kayoed Jose Contreras, Fall River, 6.

Fall River—Buddy Hayes, 127½, Boston, kayoed Al Pescatore, 132, Rochester, N. Y., 1. Billy Paul, 149, Boston, outpointed Rocky Di Ciantis, 140½, Providence, 6.

Worcester—Tommy Sullivan, 176, Boston, outpointed Johnny Carter, 168, Philadelphia, 10.

Rumford, Me.—Willie Leo, 134, Portland, outpointed Lloyd Hudson, 131, Bath, 10; Tony Junior, 150, Berlin, N. H., outpointed Burt Gagnon, 144½, Lewiston, 6.

Boston—Percy Paris, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, outpointed Edgar Gallant, Gardner, Mass., 10; Roy Thomas, N. Y., kayoed Willie James, Boston, 5. They are heavies.

Lewiston, M. — Maurice LaChance, 141½, Lisbon, Me., outpointed Eddie Bolduc, 137½, Sherbrooke, Quebec, 8.

Salem—Sal Bartolo, 133, East Boston, outpointed Paulie Jackson, 135, Reading, Penn., 10; Tommy Moore, Boston, outpointed Curley Drouin, Beverly, 6. They are lightweights.

Fall River—Jackie Wilson, 149, Quincy, outpointed Lucky Jordan, 150, Providence, 8; Gene La Blanc, 139, Fall River, outpointed Tony Ducharme, 139, Fall River, 10.

Portland, Me.—Eduardo Carrasco, 134½, Peru, outpointed Hermie Freeman, 136½, Bath, 10; John Peverda, 158, Portland, drew with Phil Roderique, 159, Lewiston, 8.

Worcester—Paul Roache, 128, Roslindale, outpointed Mario Rucci, 130, Worcester, 8; Nero Ferry, 126, Fall River, TKO'ed Bobby Veal, 126½, Boston, 8; Dick Callahan, 158½, Boston, and Milton Lightfoot, drew in 6.

Rumford, Me.—Coley Welch, 152, Portland, outpointed Bob Davis, 157½, Worcester, 10.

Boston—Al Red Priest, Cambridge, 157½, outpointed Mickey Doyle, Cleveland, 158, 10; Paul Bender, 157½, Brookline, kayoed Paul Williams, 156½, Boston, 1.

Sammy Dalton, ex-flyweight champion of New England, has finally got himself a pretty good looking fighter in the person of Iggy Vaccari, who has had 16 pro fights without defeat. He won 14 by the kayo route. Vaccari a southpaw, seems to have no trouble with his opponents and will head a long way. Some of the boys he has defeated are, Oliver Desmarais, ex-lightweight champion of New England; Tommy Greb, another ex-New England champion; Kayo Labbe, Johnny Coe, Willie Stevenson, who hails from Cleveland, and a few others.

Attention, fighters and managers, who wish work in the New England states, contact the writer, Charlie Longo, at 27 School St., care of Callahan A.C.

Lewiston, Me.—Phil Roderique, 159, Lewiston, outpointed Eddie Reed, 167, Lewiston, 8.

Salem, Mass.—Bob (Red) Perkins, hard-hitting lightweight of Manchester, N. H., scored a costly victory over Tony Ducharme of Montreal, Canada, in the ten-round feature at the North Street Rink in Salem. He also broke two bones in his right hand. The redhead will be on the shelf for two months. Red has rolled a string of 23 wins in 26 starts under the management of Eddie Rautenberg. Billy Paul, 150½, Boston, outpointed Mike Saad, 151, Manchester, N. H., 6.

Fall River, Mass.—Bobby English, 131, Fall River, kayoed Gene LaBlanc, 137½, Fall River, 5. Frankie Fay, 128, New Bedford, outpointed Kenny Isaacs, 137, Lynn, 6. Lee Britto, 142, Providence, and Walter Gomes, 139, New Bedford, drew, 6. Carter Holmes, 146, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Wilbur Kelley, 143, Fall River, 3.

Jimmy Mede, nationally-known fight promoter in and around Boston, is now associated with Sam Silverman after a two-year separation. This was the best thing that ever happened for boxing in Boston. A great team which should have never broken up. They are now with clubs in Fall River, New Bedford, Worcester, Salem and Boston. Watch this combination go.

Worcester, Mass.—Percy Paris, 131, New Glasgow, N. S., outpointed Nero Ferry, Fall River, 8. They are featherweights. Paul Roach, 127, Boston, outpointed Billy Roberts, 125, Hartford, Conn., 8. Barry Wood, 136, Worcester, outpointed Art Smith, 132½, Providence, 6.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

ALTHOUGH only three shows filled the fistic docket for the month boxing took an upswing by increased attendances. Pete Montesi's show held in Danbury late in the month brought him a new high for attendance. The home town rivalry for Eddie Compo and Julie Kogan in New Haven filled the coffers for George Sheppard.

During the month interest has been centered on Willie Pep's preparation to regain the featherweight title that he lost by a knockout to Sandy Saddler last October. Willie only had one tune-up fight, a ten rounder that went the distance in St. Louis where he scored over Teddy (Red Top) Davis. Pep suffered a slight eye cut in the battle. He has had a bevy of sparring partners helping him get ready for Mr. Saddler. Those working in the Pep camp were Dennis (Pat) Brady, Miguel Acevedo, Del Flanagan, Charley (Cabey) Lewis, Jackie Weber, Ray Edwards, Billy Kearns, and Tommy Bazzano.

New Haven Arena (Jan. 10)—Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, proved too fast and busy for his fellow-townsman, Julie Kogan, 133. Compo started with the opening bell carrying the fight to his heavier rival and never allowed the hard-hitting Kogan to get set to throw his counters. Compo copped nine of the ten rounds with one being tabbed as even.

Vic Cardell, 144, Hartford, returned to the ring wars to bang out a convincing eight round decision over Leonard Lukes, 145, New York. Alfred Rojas, 133½, New York, stopped game Joey Dell, 131, New Haven, in the first round of a sixer. Ossie (Young) Andrews, 139, New Haven, had too much on the ball for Ray Reid, 136, Hartford, whom he stopped in the second of a four spot.

A crowd of 5,100 paid $11,000 to see the show.

Hartford Auditorium (Jan. 11)—Miguel Acevedo, 129, Havana, Cuba, had to be content with a draw rendered by Referee Jimmy Peters in his bout with Clem Custer, 136½, Detroit, Mich., in ten rounds. Acevedo, who is usually the boring-in type of battler, was forced to abandon his form of battle and tried to box his on-coming opponent. Realization that the battle was not spectacular as both battlers threw short punches from in close, caused Acevedo to break away from the infighting and to become the aggressor. The majority of the fans saw Acevedo winning the fight handily.

Lenny Trader, 157, New Haven Negro, scored a technical knockout over Tommy Bazzano, 147, Middletown, when the latter suffered a cut over his eye which necessitated stopping the bout in the first round. Mike Gillo, 156, New Haven, bolo-punched his way to a knockout over Hal Soobitsky, 157, Durham, in another sixer. Graham Holmes, 130, Manchester, looked good in his winning pro debut by taking a four-rounder from Tony Bello, 125, New York. A semi-pro bout opened the show.

A crowd of 864 fans paid a gross gate of $1,411 to see the show.

Danbury Armory (Jan. 25)—Jimmy Beau, 161, Norwalk kayo specialist, added Sidney Miller, 162, Youngstown, Ohio, to his list of kayo victims by belting out the Negro veteran in 47 seconds of the fourth round. Beau had scored knockdowns in the first, third and fourth rounds before unlimbering the kayo punch. The bout, which was listed for six rounds, headed a card made up of semi-pro bouts. The paid attendance was 661 fans.

Here and There Around the State—Twice during the month Tommy Bazzano, Middletown welterweight, who is known in Massachusetts rings as Jimmy Parlo, was stopped because of cut eyes. Frankie Ross turned the trick in Holyoke and Lenny Trader did it in Hartford. By stopping Bazzano, Trader avenged for two previous defeats, one by the kayo route. . . . Hal Soobitsky, wild-swinging Durham middleweight, has been going great guns in Holyoke, where he defeated LeRoy Andrews and kayoed Lou Manni. Soobitsky boxes under the monicker of Harry Alberts in the Bay State. . . . George Dunn, Hartford Negro lightweight, dropped a ten-round decision to Charley (Cabey) Lewis in Holyoke. This was George's fourth loss in nearly thirty battles. . . . Sal DeMartino, hard-hitting Hartford middleweight, racked out a pair of nice wins in Holyoke, where he defeated Gordon Ifill and Frankie Ross over the six-round route. . . . Benny Smith, Hartford Negro lightweight, is boxing in New York rings. Smith is a terrific puncher. . . . This writer's address is Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Conn. So long until next month.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

SANDY SADDLER, world's featherweight kingpin, was a master performer when he chilled Latin America's outstanding lightie, Young Finnegan, before 5,915 fans who paid $12,886.

The kayo came in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10-round over-the-weight toss-up at Panama's Olympic Stadium.

The 27-year-old Finnegan, rated as challenger for the world light and featherweight honor last year, made it a mill that will be long remembered in Panama's fistic world. He fought Sandy Saddler in a "catch-as-catch-can match where everything went. It was a slugfest from gong to gong."

In the fatal fifth a left to the face put Finnegan on the deck for a count of nine. Finnegan got to his feet and received a terrible shellacking. He landed on the ropes where Saddler pumped home vicious lefts and damaging rights on his helpless target.

Clinging to the ropes with his left paw, Finnegan, who is also known in Panama's fistic world as the Black Panther, slowly sank to the canvas and the referee halted the slaughter and awarded the verdict to Sandy Saddler by a TKO in 2 minutes and 52 seconds of the fifth canto.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

BOXING activities for 1949 started here on the 19th of January, there having been only four shows during the month, all of which took place at the Coliseo Arena. Results were as follows:

Al Zamora, 135, knocked out Georgie Cox, 132, in the second of the ten-round star bout, while Felipe Rodriguez, 134, knocked out Jose Luis Perez, 133, in the seventh of the semi-final.

Ernesto Aguilar, 132, decisioned Colombia Kid, 134, in ten, and Raf Gutierrez, 135, TKO'ed Manolo Aguilar, 128, in the second of the semi-final.

Kid Filipino, 142, decisioned Pelon Cabrera, 143, in ten, and Candido Ramos, 144, TKO'ed Luis Caballero, 145, in two.

Negro Sandoval, 125, decisioned Cachorro Herrera, 124, in a thrilling fight in ten while Luis Reyes, 118, knocked out Baby Ruiz, 117, in ten.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

WILLIE PEP paid St. Louis and the local fight fans a visit on January 17, to fight Teddy (Red Top) Davis from Brooklyn. Pep failed to show the fans his usual pep. It was a most dull and uninteresting fight with the 4,869 fight hungry people clamoring for action. Davis was the aggressor with Pep fighting in sports. The fight that provided the fireworks was the slated six-rounder between Jerry (Baby Galento) Pittro of Chicago and Paul Terry of Indianapolis. The punch that was heard around the Auditorium was a sizzling right uppercut thrown by Pittro, which was caught by Terry flush on the button on the break, a distinct violation of the rules. Terry was counted out by Referee Kranz and the crowd went wild, as every one who was watching couldn't help but see that the punch was thrown on the break. Some irate fan in the top of the Auditorium lost a pair of opera glasses which he threw into the ring and which he failed to call for. The gross gate for this fistic show was $11,053.10.

Complete results follow: Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, Conn., decisioned Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 129, Brooklyn, in ten rounds.

Semi-windup: Virgil Akins, 139, St. Louis, K.O.'ed Joe Henderson, 136, Detroit, in three. Jerry Pittro, 166½, Chicago, stopped Paul Terry, 167, Indianapolis, in two rounds. Herb Kranz, referee. Walter Tankins, 158, St. Louis, decisioned Ernie Doyle, 162, Chicago, in six rounds. Jimmy Chaney, 144, Indianapolis, outpointed Johnny McCoy, 148, Phoenix, Ariz.

Charley Riley, St. Louis featherweight, won a ten-round decision over Chico Rosa of Honolulu in a bout held at Honolulu January 18. The fight was fast and even until the seventh, when Riley unleashed his powerful right hand, which drove Rosa into the ropes. At the end of the bout Rosa's left eye was nearly closed from Riley's left jab. It looks good to see the St. Louis lad get back into the win column even if he did have to travel so far to get it.

Charles Byas, aged 20, a student at Lincoln University, a Negro school located at Jefferson City, Mo., died after being knocked out in a 175-pound novice class bout with William Holmes of Northwest, Mo., State College. The match was part of a Golden Gloves elimination tournament, which was held at Moberly, Mo. Dr. Henry K. Baker, the tournament physician, said that death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dick Young journeyed all the way back to St. Louis from California just to officiate as a referee in the St. Louis Golden Gloves.

The St. Louis Golden Gloves up to and including the semi-finals has been run off and 54 potential champions are awaiting the bell for the finals February 11, at the spacious Oakland Avenue Arena. The first three nights attracted a total of 23,940 cash customers with the activities being held at Kiel Auditorium.

Notes of interest to readers of this column should be sent to the writer, Bus Burke, no later than the 2nd of the month at 1218 So. 4th Street, De Soto, Mo. I can also still use photos of boxers for my collection.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

TOLEDO had plenty of action during the month of January, and the action stimulated interest here, with the largest houses in some time as a result. Two shows were staged by Thurkettle's Toledo Sports Club, both at a loss, although the last show drew a better house than Thurkettle has had in some time, grossing almost $7,500.

Several new and pleasing fighters were shown here, with some signs of local talent appearing again. Promoter Goldberg has been very helpful in their development. Johnny O'Connor, a good-looking featherweight, the son of a millionaire, and a member of Toledo's upper-crust society set in his own right, is boxing in Toledo and vicinity, and attracting a strata of Toledo society never before seen at fights. Johnny is being handled by Johnny Higgins who is presently attached to the Arena Gardens in Detroit. Higgins also manages the Bussey brothers who showed very well in ten round bouts here on the Louis show.

Louis Newman, Detroit booker, is now handling the business of Billy Borne, a greatly improved white middleweight who made a great hit here, and Jay Watkins, Flint lightweight, who is a great prospect. Art Jackson, Toledo youngster, while not showing any signs of being a top fighter, is improving steadily.

A new boxing commission has been appointed, with two holdovers from the old one. Both holdovers were very active before. The new one, Ray Kest, veteran committeeman; Ed Walpole, former fighter, and now a leading member of the bar here; Van Sherrill, local Negro business man and sports enthusiast; Harry Collins, Northwestern Ohio A.A.U. board member, and Harry Toth institute the board.

Results for the month: Jan. 10th, Thurkettle promoting — Archie Moore, dynamic punching light-heavy, stopped Alabama Kid in four rounds. Billy Borne, Detroit middle, who showed here a short while ago in a four, displayed incredible improvement when he stopped Bill Bradley in the seventh. Jay Watkins, Flint lightweight, stopped Roland Cannon, Chicago, in the second. Cecil Groff, a nice looking prospect managed by Harvey Bowie of the Sportsmen's gym in Detroit, clearly outclassed Aurie Gauthier, Windsor, in a four. Yussel Layton, Mexican lad, made short work of Troy Johnson, Toledo feather, in another four, and Bobby La Londe, Detroit, 135, beat Lorenzo Bretton, Quebec.

Goldberg promoting — Joe Louis boxed Art Swiden in a four rounds exhibition. Irish Jimmy Sanders beat Ted Bussey, Detroit welter, by virtue of a whirlwind finish in a ten rounder that was packed with action, but his brother, Talmadge, evened things up for the family when he beat Rollin Happer, West Virginia lightweight, in another ten. Both bouts were tops for action. Johnny O'Connor, Toledo feather, made his home town debut by stopping Eddie Tamborini in the first. Charley Cotton, Toledo welter, slaughtered a game but clearly outclassed Cuban Kid in a six, and the willing Art Jackson beat Bobby Morris of Detroit in a pleasing light-heavy four.

Thurkettle drew his best house, but not good enough to put him in the black when he showed Archie in a good fight against Bob Satterfield. Moore stopped Satterfield in the third, after having him down four times. Eddie Miller stopped Bill Stemmler, Windsor, in the sixth. Jay Watkins beat Doug Medley of Louisville in a six. Don Lupo, billed a Chicago Golden Gloves champ, beat Stanley Kurso, Detroit feather, in 4, and Cecil Groff, nice looking Detroit 150-pounder, stopped Scotty Hampton of Little Rock in the third.

The writer is also becoming active again, with the local set-up giving some promise of encouraging local participation. He has a good stable of amateurs under his wing, some of whom are ready to turn pro. Toledo is a good sports town, and local talent is needed badly here. And now with Goldberg offering an outlet for them, a very good opportunity is available for a comer. Fighters wanting to show their wares here—get in touch with the writer at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo 2, Ohio.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

THERE are many fans who believe Ernie Hunick, the rising Utah boxer, should be a jockey in his spare time—he can adjust his weight so easily. At least, it looks easy. Ernie's fighting weight is 135 pounds. But for one contest he added 16 pounds in two weeks, and for another he reduced 10 pounds in half that time!

For such scalewise accomplishments, Hunick gains the plaudits of Promoter Jim Downing of Salt Lake City, himself a former wrestler.

Reports the University of Idaho at Moscow: Somewhere out on the Pacific a navy lieutenant, now on active service, will be watching college boxing reports with great interest. . . . He has every reason to be interested (in news of ring sports) because last year and the year before this navy officer was boxing coach at the University of Idaho. One of his pupils, Herb Carlson, Wallace, as a freshman won the national 155 pound title at Madison, Wis., in March, 1947. Last year, Carlson, 10 pounds heavier, walked off with the 165 pound title.

The navy officer, Lt. Ken Butler, was transferred to active duty last summer and his ring coaching job dropped on the competent shoulders of his assistant, Frank Young.

Idaho's string of national champions has been impressive, climaxed in 1947 when Idaho and Wisconsin jointly held the national team title.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

By LEONARD NEILL

GEORGE ANGELO, former South African welter king, who is only 23 years of age, looked great when fighting his first contest as a middleweight. He fought ex-welter king Alf James. Angelo won as he pleased, piled up the points and knocked James out in the tenth and last round. Weights: Angelo, 156; James, 152¼.

England's Johnny Williams, 175¼, was too good for Billy Wood, 177½, and although he floored his opponent in the second, Wood was knocked out in the fourth. Williams' dazzling left was too much for the South African, and it tore him up badly.

Ken LaGrange, 155¾, and Tony Liversage, 149, fought a six-round draw, but the lighter man's crisper punching seemed to have gained for him the decision. Nick van Rensburg, 188¾, put up a poor show against Willie Steynberg, 168, and was well outpointed over four rounds. Sam Nel, 171, was too heavy for Steve Kirster, 160½, and the latter was badly treated before he retired in the fourth.

Nat Moodley's City Hall show provided good entertainment. Michael Twala and Young Veeran, both 117¾, sized up for the bantamweight title held by Twala. It seemed obvious from the opening that Twala had no answer to Veeran's left lead and hard right cross. This punishment wore down the champion, and he was in a bad condition when the towel was thrown in during the 11th round. Thus a new champion was born.

In a 10-round lightweight contest, Kelly Franks, 130½, was given the decision on points over Kid Sathamoney, 129, South African feather and lightweight king. I was of the opinion that the Kid held a clear lead at the end. Admittedly Franks' "portside" style puzzled the champion, but the latter countered this with hard right crosses. Sathamoney did go down for eight in round nine, but at the end he appeared to have won. The result, however, went the other way.

A very classy featherweight in the person of M. Tommy, 124½, was unfortunate in having to retire to Pancho Villa, 124½, with a badly cut eye in the third round. Another good featherweight, Shamrock Shade, 124½, K.O.'ed Kid Veeran, 124, with a hard right hook to the jaw in round one. Kid Snowball, 110, flyweight champion of South Africa, was just getting the better of Lingum Pillay, 109½, when the latter was disqualified during the third round for butting.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By JACK LEVINSON

THE second annual "March of Dimes" Amateur boxing show, sponsored by the Norfolk Civitan Club, proved an overwhelming success. The worthy Polio Fund netted about $9,000, and the spectators witnessed an exceedingly thrill packed card. The Quantico Marine team defeated the crack Virginia scrappers, six out of the nine team match bouts. Bill Bossio, 124 pound Olympic team scrapper, caused much favorable comment by scoring a kayo over Billy Dean, 125, of Richmond, Va. Ex-champions, Gus Lesnevich, Ken Overlin and Georgie Abrams, acted as guest referees, besides Elder Craft.

Results:

Tugboat Carter, V.A.C., 147, decisioned Pete Oliver, Quantico, 147.

Bill Laush, 157, Quantico, decisioned Ed Durkovich, 156, U.S.S. Mississippi.

Bob Taylor, V.A.C., 138, won decision over Harry Rodgers, 135, Quantico.

Allen Santoy, Quantico, 115, decisioned Rocky Kriener, 116, Naval Air Station.

Jimmy Ithier, U.S.S. Mississippi, 127, decisioned Rube Aguilar, Quantico, 131.

Jimmy Jones, 181, N.A.S., won decision over Satchelfoot Stewart, 215, U.S.S. Mississippi.

Walt Stipanovich, 157, Quantico, outpointed Mike McKenzie, 157, V.A.C.

Mario DeSantis, 151, Quantico, won decision over Emmett Gurney, 150, V.A.C.

Eldridge Thompson, 167, Quantico, outpointed Bill Britton, 170, U.S.S. Mississippi.

Keith King, 189, Quantico, decisioned LeRoy Wade, 187, Richmond, Va.

Bill Bossio, 124, U.S.S. Mississippi, kayoed Billy Dean, 125, in 1:20 of the first.

Ken Overlin, former world's middleweight champion, has accepted the post of sport's director for radio station WCAV in Norfolk. The former champion was sports commentator at station WWDC in Washington, D.C., in 1940-1941.

Ex-amateur champion, Don Wagner, of Portsmouth, scored his second straight punch-for-pay victory. The promising 175 pound prospect won a five round decision over Fred Thompson at Turner's Arena in Washington, D.C.

Boxing news regarding these parts will be gladly answered if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. My address is 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

ADDITIONAL CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BILLY THOMPSON, Hickleton Main, 134¼, retained his European lightweight title at Birmingham. His opponent, Josef Preys of Belgium, 134, has been boxing for a number of years. The referee had cautioned the boxers to put more action into their work, but to no avail, and at the end Thompson was declared the winner. Tony Lombard, South Africa, scored a K.O. over Eric Powell, Manchester, in the sixth round of a featherweight contest. Les Allen, Coventry, drew with Frank Duffy, Liverpool, over eight rounds of a welterweight contest. Dennis Powell, Wales, defeated Gerry McDermott, Ireland, on points in an eight-round heavyweight contest. Frank Walker, Bledsworth, outpointed Bill Brennan, Doncaster, over six rounds of a heavyweight bout. Johnny Mann, Birmingham, knocked out George Moon, Birmingham, in the second round.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, with a good margin on points in his favor, was ruled out in the third round of his bout with Micky McKay, South Africa, at Walsworth, for an alleged low delivery. Matt Hardy, Doncaster, knocked out Len Bennett, Bethnal Green, in the fourth round of a heavyweight contest. Teddy Lewis, Dagenham, stopped Sammy Ervin, Balham, in the fourth round of a featherweight contest.

Jackie Turpin, Leamington Spa, 126½, narrowly outpointed Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, 128, over eight rounds at Sheffield. Dick Levers of Chesterfield, 135½, stopped Maurice Mancini, Leamington Spa, 127¾, in the fourth round. Tommy Profitt, Manchester, 121, and Ron Bissell, Rotherham, 120, fought a spirited eight-round contest, with Profitt the winner on points. Alf Marsh of York, 148, won on points over Eric Hague, Wombwell, 145, at the end of eight rounds. Harry Ainsworth, York, 164½, stopped Bill Jackson, Jamaica, 161¼, in the second round.

Morty Kelleher, Ireland, outpointed Johnny French, Eastleigh, over eight rounds at Slough, in a featherweight contest. Ron Deamer, Paddington, stopped Dick Sunderland, Reading, in the second round.

Frank Parkes, Beeston, outpointed Ben Duffy, Jarrow, over eight rounds of a featherweight bout at Derby.

Alex Buxton, Watford, 163¼, knocked out Jim Wellard, Northampton, 151¼, in the fourth round at Leyton. Richard Armagh, Gold Coast, 162, won on points over Ron Cooper, Wales, after eight rounds. Chris Bartlett, Canning Town, 134½, stopped Billy Jones, Bow, 134, in the third round.

Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, outpointed Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, over eight rounds of a middleweight contest at Rochester. Bob Goldsmith, Kentish Town, knocked out Art Owen, Peterborough, in the second round of a middleweight bout.

Tommy Bernham, Fulham, outpointed Emmett Kenny, Liverpool, over eight rounds of a lightweight contest at Shepherds Bush. Charles Henry, Croydon, knocked out Frank Ronan, Fulham, in the last of an eight-round heavyweight bout. Billy Lee, Islington, and Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, fought a sparkling six-round bout to a draw.

Pat Stribling, Croydon, won on points over Vic Brooks, Ipswich, at the end of eight rounds of a heavyweight contest at Croydon.

Eddie Cardew, Holloway, 147¼, was unfortunate in only receiving a draw, in his bout with Danny McKay, Scotland, 148½, over eight rounds at West Ham Baths. Cardew, by his cleaner hitting and forceful tactics, deserved better than a draw.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, scored an easy points victory over Tommy Barton, Mile End, after eight rounds at Glasgow.

George Daly, Blackfriars, and Al Wilburn, Hickleton Main, put up a whale of a fight at Bermondsey, with the local, Daly, receiving a points decision after eight interesting rounds. Frankie Jackson, Hull, outpointed George Thresher, Edmonton, over eight rounds. Ronnie Dennington, Peckham, and Arthur Fricker, Islington, battled six rounds to a draw.

Ric Sanders, Leicester, after receiving a bad cut eye in the first half minute of his contest with Gwyn Williams, Wales, at Paddington, was forced to retire at the end of the first round of a contest scheduled for eight rounds. Lloyd Barnett, Jamaica, knocked out Tom North, Doncaster, in the second round of a cruiserweight contest.

Johnny Best introduced a newcomer in Sigi Tennebaum of Switzerland, 125½, to his Stadium at Liverpool. His opponent, Gus Foran, of Liverpool, 122¼, is a good tryout for any fighter, and the way these two battled for ten rounds had the crowd thrilled, for they cheered the fighters throughout, and at the end Foran received, what can best be described, as a narrow points win. Joe Hyman, British Guiana, 151¾, who in America, was known as "Casey Jones," brought off a good win by scoring a K.O. over the tough Welsh middleweight, Des Jones, 160¾, in the fourth round. Billy Barton, Liverpool, defeated Dick Levers, Chesterfield, in the fifth round. Garnett Denny, Belfast, won on points over Terry Tinker, Rotherham, after six rounds. Tom Meli, Belfast, outpointed Cpl. Jimmy Tipper, Sherwood Foresters, over six rounds.

Jack Coles, Wales, 148, had to be contented with a draw in his bout with Piet Van Straden, South Africa, 147¼, at Kings Cross. Jackie Foster, Ireland, 112¼, outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, 113½, after eight interesting rounds.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, fought a draw with Doug. Miller, South Africa, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Norwich.

Sammy Shaw, Hull, 129¾, scored a good win at Edinburgh, when he handed the smart Dunfermline featherweight, Peter Guichan, 129, his first defeat in the professional ring, a points defeat over eight rounds. Jimmy Stewart, Edinburgh, and Len Shaw, Sheffield, supplied the fireworks for eight rounds, when the referee's decision was a draw.

Vince Hawkins, former British middleweight champion, was outpointed by Cyril Delannoit, European middleweight champion, in Brussels, over ten rounds.

Johnny Best opened his season at the Tower Circus, Blackpool, with a packed house. Stan Gossip, Hull, fought a ten-round draw with Bert Jackson, Fleetwood.

Jack Solomons was rewarded with another sellout at the Royal Albert Hall, and his all-star card produced some keen fighting that was enjoyed by the fans. Pride of place was the flyweight contest between Terry Allen, Islington, 111 pounds, 13 ounces, and the Toy Bulldog, Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 112 pounds, two ounces. The contest was a return for the former's South Eastern Area flyweight title, that Allen won on disqualification in two rounds at Harringay in March, 1948. Whatever chances O'Sullivan had of winning the title was thrown overboard at the weigh-in. Allen passed the scales with three ounces to spare, but Dickie scaled five ounces over the limit. According to the B.B.B.C. regulations one hour grace is allowed to make the correct weight. O'Sullivan again went on the scales after 50 minutes, but failed by three ounces. A further attempt, and at the stroke of three the weight inspector of the B.B.B.C., Mr. Bill Turner, declared that as O'Sullivan was two ounces overweight, the contest between Terry Allen and Dickie O'Sullivan would have to be a catch weight contest.

O'Sullivan started off as if he was going to swipe the elusive Allen out of the ring, but Allen had other ideas, for he met every one of O'Sullivan's attacks with a straight left or a short right to the head or body with precision that shocked the Finsbury Park battler and the vast crowd, for Allen had every answer for that kind of fighting. As the contest proceeded, Allen rocked O'Sullivan's head back, and at times outfought him at his own game of two-hanaded battling. Towards the end of the contest Allen was always the master of O'Sullivan, who took everything that Terry Allen threw at him. He weakened O'Sullivan with left hooks to the body and right-hand punches to the jaw, winning the last three rounds by a canter. At the end, Referee Little raised the hand of Allen as the winner. Both battlers came in for a great reception from the crowd for putting up what was considered one of the best scraps seen at the Royal Albert Hall. The contest between Solly Cantor, Canada, 135½, and Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, 135¼, was a grand battle for eight rounds, with the Canadian receiving the decision from Referee Moss DeYong by a very narrow margin. Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, and Guido Ferracin, Italy, European bantamweight champion, put on a good bout, with O'Sullivan showing to good advantage. The Italian, failing to land as he would have liked on the smart English lad, suddenly threw up his hands in the fifth round and retired. I would have called it by another name. He afterwards stated that he went in with a bad hand. That is no excuse for throwing up his hands and quitting. O'Sullivan boxed brilliantly throughout, and was heading for a points victory. Gerry McDermott, Ireland, 183, outboxed and outpunched George Dawson, Wales, 187, and the referee stopped the contest at the end of the fourth round. Luc van Dam, Holland, 161, was too clever for Albert Finch, Croydon, 160¾, in their ten-round contest and the further the contest went the more the Dutchman showed his superiority, and received the points decision.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, gained a points decision over Joseph Goreux, Belgium, after ten rounds at Newcastle.

Alex Buxton, Watford, gained a points decision over Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, after eight rounds at Manor Place Baths, Walworth. Henry Carpenter, Peckham, outpointed Albert Sanderson, Nottingham, over six rounds.

Eddie "Bunty" Doran, Belfast, beat Theo Medina, France, over ten rounds at Belfast after a fast contest. Louis Skena, French flyweight champion, knocked out Jackie Briers, Belfast, in the fourth round.

Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 162, stopped Brian McTigue, Wigan, 161¾, in the seventh round at West Ham. Referee Sam Russell wisely stopped the bout in favor of Sanders. Jock Bonas, Rotherham, 132¼, received a badly cut eye in the sixth round of his contest with Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 128½, and the referee stopped the bout in Caffrey's favor. Ron Bebbington, West Ham, 153, defeated Chris Adcock, Rochdale, 152, when the latter retired.

Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, outpointed Jackie Ryder, Bootle, in a hard eight-round bout at Kentish Town. Jim Hockley, Islington, forced Ron Crogan, Paddington, to retire at the end of the third round with a bad cut eye. Billy Daniels, Stepney, stopped Dan Mace, Nottingham, in the second round.

Laurie Buxton, Watford, knocked out Johnny Fitzpatrick of Doncaster in the first round at Watford.

Chris Jenkins, Stourbridge, drew with Maurice Mancini, Leamington, in an eight-round bout at Smethwick. Les Allen, Coventry, knocked out Eddie Parsons, Doncaster, in the first round.

Cliff Anderson, British Guiana, 129, was too clever for Jackie Hughes, Wales, 126¼, in their eight-round contest at Kings Cross. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, 124½, outpointed Alf Clarke, Bow, 125½, over eight rounds. Cyril Evans, Welwyn Garden, 135½, outpointed Ron Kitchen, Tonbridge, 134½, over six rounds. Harry Droy, Islington, 129, outpointed Frank Murphy, Pinner, 128½, over four rounds.

Jackie Braddock, Manchester, outpointed Harry Lazar, Aldgate, over eight rounds at Poplar. Teddy Lewis, Dagenham, drew with Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, over eight rounds. Dick Langley, Peckham, knocked out Tommy Shilton, Andover, in the second round of a middleweight contest.

Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 136½, scored a K.O. win over Guiseppe Cocchi, Italy, 129¾, in the sixth round at the Stadium, Liverpool. Billy McDonald, Liverpool, 134¾, won on points over Mickie O'Niel, Belfast, 136¼, after eight rounds. Peter Keenan, Glasgow, won over Mickey McLaughlin, Belfast, in the eighth round, when the bout was stopped in Keenan's favor. Billy Devonport, Bolton, outpointed Ray Brown, Belfast, over six rounds of a lightweight contest. Ernie Ormrod, Liverpool, knocked out Al Kenny, Liverpool, in the first round of a bantamweight contest.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"

By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA — Our bantam champion, Elley Bennett, 117, stopped Frenchman Emile Famechon, 114½, in the 11th round of their scheduled 12-round bout in Melbourne. Famechon's left eye being swollen and closed when the referee halted proceedings. Famechon earned praise for his courage, but he was no match for the well-executed punching of the Australian, whose tactical work was far superior.

Sydney Stadium assistant referee, Bill Henneberry, a brother of the former fighter, Fred Henneberry, caused a first-class sensation when he awarded a draw in a Sydney fight between Ray Coleman and Darkie Bailey, although he believed Bailey had won easily. Henneberry announced that he had done this because in his opinion Coleman had not tried his best, and the draw meant that all bets were automatically cancelled. Henneberry said he awarded the draw because that would not penalize Bailey, who, Henneberry believed, had tried his best. Stadium officials in Sydney considered the matter fully and supported the referee's action, but laid down a policy that similar occasions in future should call for the bout being declared a "no fight."

Critics viewed with disfavor a decision for Jackie Wilson, 131½, over Darby Brown, 136¼, in a 12-round bout at Leichhardt (Sydney). Wilson was down for counts of seven and eight in the seventh round, but lasted out the bout to get the decision.

Rockhampton lightweight Jackie Ryan, 129, stopped Arthur McKillop, 129¼, in four rounds in Brisbane, a cut eye causing McKillop to lower his colors. Ryan was well ahead on points at the finish.

In Sydney, Keith Francis, 122½, boxed skillfully to beat George Beck, 127, on points, while Johnny Gleeson, 118, took a points' decision from Taffy Hancock, III, who was fighting out of his division.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

FOR the second time in fifteen days, "Gunning Glen Flanagan", St. Paul's gallant young featherweight, went to the post against top flight opposition and did okay for himself. At Tony Stecher's Minneapolis Auditorium, Glen collided with Miguel Acevedo, The Clouter from Havana, Cuba, and at the end of ten thrill-packed rounds, was awarded a draw for his efforts. Fighting a pre-planned type of battle the older but lighter of the two brothers boxed beautifully. He moved around the ring stabbing his rapier-like lefts to the Cuban's face, crossing short sharp rights to the jaw, and at other times stopping the mauling, bulling Acevedo dead in his tracks with right uppercuts to the jaw.

In the semi-windup, Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 132, from Huntington, West Virginia, repeated his win over Bobby (Bad Boy) Carew, 133, from Des Moines, Iowa, in six hard fought rounds. This bout was a gruelling affair.

In the six round special event, Jerry Slavin, the Hopkins middleweight, came up off the deck from an eight count knockdown in the first heat to punch out a win over the rangy college kid, Bob Rossie, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Wilfredo Miro, 146, a stablemate of Acevedo, used his long arms to good advantage to outpoint Booker T. Ellis, of St. Paul, in another sixer, while in the four round opener, Eddie Lacy, 126, out of Minneapolis, gave game, tow-headed Chuck McGow, 126, from Indianapolis, a going over in a workmanlike manner. This Lacy kid looks very good for a youngster.

5915 persons chipped in $17,585 to see the show.

Pinky George, the hustling sporting impresario from Des Moines, Iowa, was in town to catch the Flanagan-Acevedo bout. Pinky, the Maestro of swat and groan in the Iowa capitol, is about the most perturbed gent in these here Northwest parts and the reason is that the Little Giant claims that per capita Des Moines has more fighters than any other city in the nation yet cannot get good outside talent to meet his local lads.

Leo Bessner, a one time Minneapolis heavyweight prospect of twenty years ago, is now a police officer here in the Mill City. . . . Joe Brady, the co-manager of Georgie Dunn, the New England featherweight sensation, would like to show his boy here in Minneapolis against either Jackie Graves, Glen Flanagan, or Charley Riley.

Lou Viscusi, Willie Pep's manager and the guiding genius of Miguel Acevedo, Pat Brady, Tommy Gomez and others, added Del Flanagan, St. Paul's speedy lightweight, to his stable while in Minneapolis. Reported sale price was $1500.00 given to Earl Kane, the genial Irishman who brought Del up from the gymnasium of the De LaSalle High School. Kane, whose health hasn't been the best, figures that the Hartford business man will be able to do more for Del than he can. Hence the switch.

Dale Loucks, a one time St. Paul amateur star of seventeen years ago, is now the owner of his own business, The Reliance Dental Supply Company, in St. Paul.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium—Two young Middlewestern Irish heavyweights, Curt Kennedy, 184, from Wichita, Kansas, and Vince Donnelly, 203, Minneapolis, met with Curt the winner in six rounds. The bout was a torrid one with the Minneapolis Irishman tiring in the stretch, enabling his shorter and lighter foe to come on to give him the same brand of medicine he administered twice when they boxed as simon pures.

In the six round semi-windup, the ever-punching, never-stalling baby-faced kid from Cleveland, Ohio, Eddie Marotta, 128, defeated the veteran Jesse (Topper) Underwood, of Huntington, West Virginia, in an action packed bout, while Pedro Brady, 187, also from Cleveland, won the duke over Frank Jones, 200, one of the Jones boys from Des Moines, in a sixer. In another six round thriller, Jackie Burke, 160, the good looking Irisher from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, defeated the rugged Bill Stemler, of Windsor, Ontario, while Stan Hartman, 126, was the winner over Walter Dykes, 128½, from Detroit, Michigan. In the four round opener, Eddie Lacy, a light skinned Negro from Minneapolis, was awarded a much disputed decision over Bunny Berrigan, of Milwaukee. The gross gate was $6122.

Art Neff, a St. Paul Jewish featherweight of twenty odd years ago, is now living in Galveston, Texas, since his discharge from the armed service.

At LaCrosse, Wisconsin . . . At the Avalon Arena, Glen Flanagan, St. Paul's fast stepping young featherweight, scored a six round knockout over the veteran Georgie Markos, of LaCrosse. He knocked the tough, rugged Syrian battler out with a powerful left hook to the stomach. In the six round semi-windup, Bob Morelli, 150, put the chill on Lewis Hall, 158, of LaCrosse in the third frame, while his stablemate, Billy (Glass) Flaherty, 126, young curly-haired St. Paul featherweight, was held to a draw by Francis Turner, 127, from LaCrosse. Roy Thomas, 153, St. Paul Negro, stopped George Monsoor, 154, in the second round. In the four round opener, Marland Pettis, 159, reversed a previous loss to Cy Lewis, 137, of St. Paul, by gaining the duke over him in another rough battle.

At Rochester, Minnesota, the Mayo Civic Auditorium bulged to the seams with the largest crowd that it has ever held since its opening when Joe Louis, the world's heavyweight champion, boxed a four round exhibition with Orlan Ott, heavyweight battler out of Hartley, Iowa. Hundreds of fans were turned away. Going into the ring with a heavy head cold after having received a shot of penicillin at the Mayo Hospital, Joe proved to all hands present that it will be the old gentleman with the scythe who will eventually prove his nemesis rather than any one on the scene today.

In the six round top bout, Vince Donnelly, 203, Minneapolis's Golden Boy, won the decision over Tiny Robinson, 223, belter from Chicago. The Minneapolis youth had to go all out to beat his Negro foe.

In the six round semi-windup, Baby Boy Walcott, 169, St. Paul's Negro whirlwind, lost the duke to his hated rival, Jimmy Sheets, 171, the Kid from Kokomo, Indiana. This was their third meeting and now things stand even between them with a win apiece and a draw. In the six round special event, Booker T. Ellis, 144, of St. Paul, won by a TKO over Emil Evans, 143, from Lynd, Minnesota, in the fourth round when he split the southpaw's eye so bad that the commission doctor ordered it halted.

In a scheduled four rounder they finally got a win for Chicago's tap-dancer, Tiger Ted Weems, when Vic Creelman, St. Cloud featherweight, was dropped for the full count. In the four round opener, two former Golden Glovers made their professional debut and at the end of a viciously fought bout, Georgie Price, 140, from St. Paul, was given the decision over Dick Feichtinger, 137, of St. Cloud. The show was promoted by Mike (The Thin Man) Sternberg, Rochester's all around sporting impresario, who announced that the gross take was $12,813.

In the Theater Section of the St. Paul Auditorium, a fistic star was born when Mighty Matt Morelli, a sixteen year old Italian boy, was crowned the welterweight champion in the novice class of the St. Paul Golden Gloves. This rosy cheeked youngster, a protege of Emmett Weller, old time St. Paul lightweight, was head and shoulders over the large field of entries who made their bid for fame and fortune in this locally sponsored boxing carnival. This youngster has been dubbed the Wonder Kid by many Twin City experts. He will do much to revive interest in boxing here.

Aside to Chuck Hansel, former St. Paul roughhouse middleweight, please get in touch with this writer. This is all for this month. Drop your ring news to this writer at his home in Swedetown, Minneapolis. The address is 650 Fillmore Street. Enclose a self addressed envelope to assure an answer to a request.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

LOUISVILLE fans were presented with a well balanced fight card staged by Promoter Bill McNulty at the County Armory. In the top ten, Sid Peaks, local heavyweight belter, put away Grady Welch of Cincinnati in the third frame after having Welch on the deck once in the first round and twice in the second.

The second ten was a re-match which resulted in a draw between fast stepping Willie Johnson, Louisville middleweight, and Billy Davis of Indianapolis. In their first meeting Johnson won the verdict but Davis came back strong in this contest to hold Willie on even terms.

In a six rounder, Nate Arnold, Louisville middleweight, battled to a draw with Bob O'Bannon, also local.

Another six round contest resulted in a punching spree between Jerry Dwain, Louisville welter, and Bobby Mitchell of New Albany, Indiana. Both boys made trips to the canvas in the opening round and the second heat saw Mitchell in the lead only to have Dwain come back strong and drop Mitchell twice, first for an eight count and the second time for the fatal ten.

In a four rounder, Bobo Drago won the nod over Gene Carisle, both Louisville lightweights.

Sid Peaks, hard-hitting local heavyweight, scored a good win out of town during the past month when he kayoed the veteran Alabama Kid in the first round of a featured event at Dayton, Ohio, on a card staged by Lee Hammond.

Freddie Eiler has moved his gym to larger quarters at 9th and Jefferson Streets in Louisville. The new training spot is busy each day and packed with all of the local boxers going through their paces.

Charley Elliott, Louisville welter, is back in the gym and ready for action after being on the shelf for a few months. Elliott will be handled by Freddie Eiler and Reece Watson while boxing in this territory and his southern representative will be "Sad Sam" Sobel, the Florida fight figure who originally started Elliott out in the pro class in Florida rings.

Prospect of the Month—Jimmy Robinson, holder of the state lightweight title. Robinson gets a chance to break into the Big Ten when he meets Johnny Williams, of New York, on the coming benefit show to be staged in Louisville by the Police Department.

Art Towne, New York Negro middleweight, appeared in the feature event of Bill McNulty's final show of the month and made a good impression by putting away Jumpin' Joe Green, Negro southpaw, from Asheville, N. C., in the fifth heat of a scheduled ten.

In an eight rounder between local punchers, Bob O'Bannon won the nod over Bob Garner, both heavyweights.

Jim Chaney, of Indianapolis, halted the kayo streak of Jerry Dwain, Louisville welter, by TKOing Dwain in the third.

Doug Medley, solid punching Louisville lightweight, stopped Torpedo Tinsley, of Indianapolis, in the third session.

The four round opener resulted in a decision for Bobo Drago over Don Rocco. Both Louisville lightweights.

Unattached fighters with good records, especially middleweights and light-heavies, who are interested in boxing in this section and the midwest, should send photos and full particulars to the writer, Joe French, 1009 French St., Jeffersonville, Indiana.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CINCINNATI'S Music Hall was the site of two important national fights in January. On January 24, before a crowd of 4247, who paid a gross of $13,791, Jo Weidin, the Austrian heavyweight, avenged a previous T.K.O. by Walter Hafer of New York, winning in ten rounds by ten miles. The Austrian had the Eastern boy on the deck four times for a nine count. Hafer was a badly beaten boy. In their previous bout, Hafer won on a T.K.O. after Weidin led for seven rounds, only to suffer a cut eye and lose the award in the ninth session.

Jack Dempsey appeared as referee in the Wallace Smith versus Joe Kelly fight, which ended after a minute and one-half of fighting, Smith winning on a T.K.O.

Oakland Billy Smith of Caltifornia blasted out Dave Clark of Cincinnati in three rounds.

In the supporting prelims, Bob Keeling won from Carmen Iacobucci in four; Bob Holliday stopped Jack Martin in one, and Art Edmerson beat Charlie Scott in six rounds.

Introduced from ringside were Col. Jimmy Roosevelt, Ezzard Charles, Jack Kearns, Joe Anderson and Fitzie Fitzpatrick.

Promoter Harry Hartman came up with a winner on the night of January 10. The crowd paid a gross of $7198 to see Joe Discepoli of Cincinnati win the Ohio lightweight championship from Willie Russell in ten rounds. This was a "make or break" test for Discepoli and he came through with colors flying, winning handily from his more experienced opponent.

In the prelims to this bout, Beecker Keiler stopped Billy Todd in two; Dan Pinto stopped Jake Best in five; Buddy Turner won from Frank Williams in six; Charlie Scott won on a four-round T.K.O. over Don Kelling and Fred Newbill knocked out Dick Burton in one.

The new Cincinnati Gardens, seating 15,000, opened its doors on the night of February 28, with Ezzard Charles meeting Joe Maxim of Cleveland in the 15-round main event.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—Fitzie Fitzpatrick, West Coast heavyweight, is training daily under Manager Mickey Kilcher at the Nienaber Club in Covington, Ky. . . . Willie Pep may show in Cincinnati . . . Costner is now making Detroit his home. He is a big favorite there. . . . My address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, O., for those managers who are looking for connections around here and elsewhere . . . also use this address for my one buck per year fight flashes service or for a copy of the managers' and promoters' guide, 1001 names, addresses listed for one dollar.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

A CROWD of over 6000 fans saw rising Joey De John knock Lou Valles kicking in 1:34 of the first round of their scheduled ten-round main event at the Hudson A.C.—January 24. De John landed his terrific left-hook after several exchanges and down went Valles. The referee counted "ten" before Valles could stagger to his feet.

Whitey Bimstein, who was in town with Valles, says De John carries the best left hook since Charlie White came thundering out of Chicago 30 years ago.

The time has arrived for Manager Joe Netro to take a few chances with the vastly improved De John. He's ready for the topnotchers in the middleweight division. Buffalo will pay well to see Joey against a championship contender.

In a ten-round companion bout on De John-Valles card Lee Bohles, 125½, of Cleveland, technically knocked out Vic Eisen, 121½, of Buffalo in the eighth round. In other bouts Columbus Lowman, 153½, Buffalo, drew with Jackie Botnovich, 150, Rochester, Pa., six rounds; Irish Jack Duggan, 166, Hamilton, Ont., defeated Jimmie Hayden, 163, Buffalo, six rounds; Connie Thies, 145, Buffalo, decisioned Jess Bradshaw, 150, Buffalo, four rounds.

The gross gate receipts for the show were $11,445.

A fire which started in the dressing room of Jack Singer's gymnasium, damaged the building and its contents to the tune of $25,000. Most of the boxers' equipment was ruined but Mr. Singer magnanimously donated new trunks, punching bags, boxing gloves and shoes to all. Singer said he will open his gym again within a few weeks. He is undecided whether to move his headquarters over to a Main street site—or remain at the old stand. Jack has been in business 18 years. He weathered a brutal depression and saw the fight game come back in Buffalo and prosper. Meanwhile Singer, promoter for the Hudson A.C., is receiving his mail at his home address—461 Minnesota Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Meanwhile, business is booming at Bob and Jim's Downtown gym—Ellicott and Swan Streets. Nearly every boxer—professional and amateur—is training there now. Bob Nappa said training hours would be staggered to take care of the 100 or more boxers who are training at the Downtown quarters.

And speaking of gymnasiums—Mickey McInerney informs your correspondent that he will have a new training place operating soon. "I have my equipment stored temporarily," said Mickey. "And I have already opened negotiations for a new site." McInerney has a promising heavyweight in Earl (Red) Pierce and two other budding stars in Billy Gillian, 133 pounder and Mickey McGuide, a middleweight.

HERE AND THERE—Joe Netro, manager for Joey De John, is making Buffalo his headquarters and De John is married to a Buffalo girl. . . . Manny Weitz, Buffalo's Harry Balogh, has been announcing for 25 years. He has worked for six different clubs—the Hudson, Fairview, Great Lakes, Upstate, Crescent and Velodrome. . . . Buffalo's veteran timer—Frank (Ike) Klipfel has been holding the watch for 50 years and is still doing a good job at 84. . . . Ike has seen many fighters come and go. . . . He says Frank Erne was the greatest Buffalo product.

Phil Muscato has regained his top form and a lot of credit must go to that shrewd little fellow "Dapper Dudo" Parisi, who is now managing and training Phil. Muscato won a sensational fight from Ted Lourey in ten torrid rounds on January 17. Phil had to get off the floor after a nine-count knockdown to carry the fight to Lourey and win. Manager Parisi said Muscato's next bout will be in San Francisco with the Italian champion—Enrico Bertola—February 14.

The Fairview club is also angling for some first-rate main events. Matchmaker Charlie Pinto would like to bring Ezzard Charles back to Buffalo and pit him against Johnny Flynn. This setto would jam-pack the auditorium. Pinto will use Flynn against the best heavyweight available if he cannot clinch the Charles match.

A young Buffalonian who is commanding considerable attention with Uncle Sam's forces is Private Vincent N. Di Giambattisto. He is six feet tall and weighs 172 pounds. Di Giambattisto hopes to fight for the European Command title very soon. The budding star has been boxing since he was 5 years old when his father bought him a set of boxing gloves. Bert Finch, veteran Buffalo manager, is enthusiastic over Di Giambattisto, who is with the 59th Air Force Depot Group.

Boxing experts here think a lot of Johnny Kazmierzak, a speedy young giant who promises to do well in the ring. Johnny weighs 196 pounds and is 6 ft. 2 in. tall. Eddie Sanney, who is managing Kazmierzak, says his boy has won 10 fights as an amateur and only lost three.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

ROCHESTER has two fight clubs now and it looks like the fans are going to get real good bouts. The clubs will run alternately every other week thus giving Rochester fans weekly boxing shows. The Triton A.C., the new club, will run on Thursday nights and the Exchange A.S. with its new owner, Tinny Lombardo, will stick to Mondays.

At the Triton A.C., Lee Oma, of Detroit, defeated Angel Sotillo, the Argentina heavyweight, in ten slow rounds. In the semi-final, Ross Virgo, 146, and Billy Borne, 151, of Detroit, stole the show in eight rounds of fighting. This was Virgo's eighth straight win. Lee Harris, 194, Detroit, won by a TKO over Earl (Red) Pierce, 197, Buffalo, in 4. Verne Esco, 187, Toronto, outpointed Jeff Clanton, 198, Buffalo, in 6. Mickey McGuire, 155½, Buffalo, and Lewis Jackson, 166, New York, drew in 6. Earl Walls, 189, Toronto, won by TKO over Roy Thomas, 192, New York, in 1.

Tinny Lombardo and his Exchange A.C. came right back with a heavyweight show the following week with Johnny Shkor, of Boston, Mass., and big Sandy McPherson, of Tulsa, Okla., in 10 fast rounds. The fans gave the fighters a big hand. Shkor was the winner. Little Calvin Leigh, 122, Rochester, made it four in a row over Jimmy Morioka, 124½, Vancouver, B.C., in the semi-final. Johnny Rowe, 128, Rochester, had an easy time in defeating Charley Banks, 140, Buffalo, in six. George Teague, 141, Buffalo, knocked out Larry Simons, 147, Welland, Ont., in 1. Jimmy Martin, 175, Baltimore, outpointed Freddie Cole, 212, Buffalo, 6. Jackie Williams, 171, Albany, outpointed Jeff McKenzie, 173, Rochester, in 4.

Ross Virgo won his ninth straight in 9 starts by defeating Rollie Johns, of Albany, at Syracuse. Virgo had Johns down four times and looked so good in his win that Matchmaker Sam Amos would like to use Virgo with Cliff Hart, of Syracuse. This match would sell out the house.

The Elks Club stages several excellent fights each Monday.

Irish Johnny Flynn is back in training after five weeks of rest due to a sore nose.

Calvin Leigh, the man with the big punch is having his trouble getting fights. Looks like the bantamweights want no part of him. Leigh weighs 120 and will fight anybody in the world up to 126 pounds.

The following boys are training daily at the Exchange A.C. gym—one of the finest in the world! Irish Johnny Flynn, Ross Virgo, Jerry Fleming, Irish Johnny Rowe, Calvin Leigh, Gene Williams, Harry Sniffy Smith, Ralph Carino, Jeff McKenzie, Chuck O'Mara, and others.

Larry Simons, a good looking prospect and the runner-up in the Canadian Olympic tryouts, has turned pro. He will fight his first pro fight in Rochester under the management of Johnny Burba.

Fighters wishing to show in and around Rochester would do well to write to me at 103 S. Union St. Send me your record in your first letter.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

THE Turner-Menendez Combo presented Leo LeBron, 123, in a 10 rounder against Jimmy Cooper, 124. The fight itself set a pattern similar to their initial encounter with LeBron dancing away from Jimmy's vaunted power punches, and getting Cooper off balance to counter with a nice left hook. LeBron was many points ahead when Cooper unleashed a savage attack in the closing rounds that fell short of victory. This was LeBron's second victory over Cooper, although the duke in this one was split with Referee Harry Volkman voting for Cooper, while Judges Child and Trigg cast their tally for LeBron.

In a 5 round semi, Holly Nims, 151, D.C., garnered a split duke win over Gene Harley, 152½, D.C., in a sizzler. Three 5 round prelim bouts rounded out the card. Don Wagner, 202, Roanoke, Va., decisioned Freddie Thompson, 191, Aberdeen, Md., in a good bout. John Holt, 168, D.C., got the duke over Oscar Wakefield, 169, Baltimore, and Julian Keene, 166, D.C., decisioned Eddie Wilson, 166, Baltimore. About 800 fans in attendance.

Four 8 rounders made up the headline spots on the weekly card at Turner's. In the main 8, Danny Petro, 128½, marked his return to the D.C. fistic wars by a K.O. win over Lee Q. Murray, Jr., 130, of Baltimore. In the second round Petro shot a left to Lee's stomach and followed through with a volley to send the Baltimore battler to the canvas. Murray tried to regain his feet but was reeling so badly that Ray Bowen stopped it after 55 seconds of the second.

In another 8, Herbie "Biff" Jones, 135, won a rugged decision over Chuck Burton, 133½, New York City. In the second after Jones had a five minute rest period, the battle was resumed, with Jones coming out in front.

Holly Mims, 156, D.C., continued his winning ways by defeating Sonny Bunn, 153, D.C., in a toe-to-toe slugfest, with both boys dealing out plenty of punishment. Mims looked good in winning this eight-rounder.

In the last eight Jackie Ford, 143, D.C., won over Roy Wirt, 144½, Roanoke, in a hotly contested bout. The opener, a scheduled four, saw Scott Richardson, 158½, D.C., win by way of a K.O. over Bradley Jim, 160, Baltimore, in 1:56 of the second.

Senor Gabe Menendes featured four eight-round headline bouts on his weekly fistic card. The best bout from a spectator's standpoint was that between Bert Wicks, 127½, D.C., and Red Gaddis, 129, D.C., which ended in a draw. In another eight, a crowd pleaser, Holly Mims, 153, D.C., and Garland Edwards, 154½, D.C., battled to a draw. Both boys show a lot of promise and in this bout they set a furious pace with honors all even at the end of eight.

Tim Healy, 119, New York City, extended Jimmy Cooper, 124, D.C., for two rounds, but "Little Jim" finally caught up with him, lowering the boom on Timmy in 2:55 of the third.

Herbie "Biff" Jones, 139, another local youngster, stopped Freddie Smith, 134½, New York City, in 42 seconds of the third in the final eight. Jones in his first local bout after campaigning in out-of-town rings, looked good.

In the opening four, Billy Wright, 127, eked out a split decision over Baby Boy Pearson, 126, Baby Boy was catching up to Wright, who was tiring, at the bell. Both are local lads.

At Baltimore—Sonny Boy West continued his winning streak at the expense of Eduardo Carrasco of Peru in a ten-round headline bout. Both boys scaled in at 138½ pounds.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

GEORGE ROCKABYE ROSS, 152¾, Canadian middleweight champion, from West Bay, Cape Breton, knocked out Joltin' Joe Pyle, 148, challenger from New Waterford and Cape Breton, in 2:15 of the third canto of a scheduled twelve round championship bout in the Armouries at Halifax, N. S.

Red Graham, 135, Dartmouth, N. S., belted out a unanimous decision over Keith Paris, 130¾, New Glasgow, in the semi-final.

Robert Gammon, 136¼, Dartmouth, N. S., chilled Lloyd Carr, 140½, Charlottetown, P.E.I., in 1:47 of the fourth.

In the curtain raiser, two Halifax youths, Dickie Moore and Bernie Fletcher, went the four rounds with Moore winning.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

THE 20th *Plain Dealer* Golden Gloves Tournament is unusually successful, both financially and artistically.

The tournament is not over yet, but the best all-around amateur in Cleveland, Mickey Mars, was off form and lost to Gerald Hammond in the biggest upset of the year.

Eddy Marotta continues on his merry way to fistic fame. His latest victims were Jesse Underwood at Minneapolis and Charley Baxtor at Molina, Ill. Eddy looked great in both bouts and floored the veteran Baxter twice.

Jackie Keough, our promising welterweight, is back in the groove again and looks better every time he makes an appearance. He easily defeated the cagey and dangerous Sparky Reynolds at the Marigold Gardens in Chicago.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

BOXING is on the rise in Jersey as both Laurel Garden and the Mosque Theatre in Newark and the Million Dollar Pier in Atlantic City have been doing good business since the first of the year. This is due largely to the fact that all three clubs have been putting on good cards.

Best Prospect of the Month—Jimmy Cerrello, Hoboken middleweight, who has scored three straight wins and who looked very good in winning his bouts.

Results of the Month:

Laurel Garden, Newark—Jimmy Herring, 156, New York golden boy, stopped game Tony Rose, 155, Newark, in 2:43 of the sixth round. Jimmy, who is only 17, punched too fast for his foe and although he didn't floor Rose, he had Tony in bad shape when the referee halted the fight. Bernie Dowd, 133, Livingston, halted Bobby Nichols, 134, Hackensack, in 1:56 of the fifth round. Bernie, a student at John Marshall College in Jersey City, is one of the best young prospects in the state. The win was Dowd's 21st straight since turning pro. Eddie Edwards, 149, Irvington, outpointed Ike Haywood, 154, Newark, in six fast rounds. Shorty LaBohri, 136, Newark, outfought Tommy King, 142, Newark, in four. Mark Dempsey, 173, Newark, looked good in K.O.'ing Tommy Moses, 179, Brooklyn, in two. Preacher Jones, 152, Brooklyn, was held to a draw by Gus Cossifos, 158, Yonkers, N. Y., 4.

Mosque Theatre, Newark—Charlie Fusari, 148¾, Irvington, rallied to outpoint Frankie Palermo, 148¼, Bronx, in 10 fast rounds. Fusari was dropped for a long count in the third round. Switching his attack to the body in the sixth round, Charlie came on to win. Joe Gabriele, 133, Orange, got the decision over Roy (Corky) Rogers, 126, Englewood, in six rounds. Rogers floored Gabriele in the third and battered him the rest of the way. Mike Franco, 177, Jersey City, dropped Matt Brown, 174, Newark, in the third and beat him, 4. Billy Doerwald, 147, Paterson, whipped Jimmy Scrapper, 155, Plainfield, 4. Professor Baker, 151, Newark, outpointed Bobby Sinns, 150, Irvington, 4. Ike Haywood, 152, Newark, drew with Country Sherman, 151, Belleville, 4. A crowd of 3,508 paid $8,025.50.

Tommy Yarosz, clever Monaca, Pa., 170-pounder, came off the floor in the third round to decisively outpoint LeRoy Snead, 170, Brooklyn, 8. Mike DeCosmo, 147, Elizabeth southpaw, won a close one from Milton Lattimer, 150, Binghamton, N. Y., in eight fast rounds. Maynard Jones, 191, Wilmington, Del., upset Big Bill Gilliam, 214, Newark, in eight rounds. Jones was badly cut in the fifth round. Lou Gillespie, 153, Ozone Park, L. I., a last-minute substitute for Joe Curcio, rallied to upset Johnny Darby, 150, Paterson, 8. Ralph Giordano, 146, Newark, whipped Otis Edwards, 150, Elizabeth, 4.

Lee Oma, 196, hit and walked his way to a one-sided decision over Ted Lowry, 179, New Bedford, Mass., in ten rounds. The referee gave the Detroit walking man nine rounds. Roy (Corky) Rogers, 127, Englewood, outpointed Benny Smith, 134, New York City, in eight rounds. Ernie Parker, 137, New York, upset Danny McCall, 136, Philadelphia, 6. In the four-rounders, two boys returned to action after long layoffs and came home in front as Freddy Herman, 125, Elizabeth, outpointed Paul Jones, 130, Trenton, and Dick Melvin, 150, Paterson southpaw, whipped Country Sherman, 151, Belleville.

Newark, Laurel Garden—Joe Curcio, 154, Jersey City southpaw, outslugged Tony Rose, 155, Newark, in eight hard-fought rounds. Jimmy Milligan, 159, Paterson, and Eddie Edwards, 155, Irvington, went six slow rounds to a draw. Rocky Fusco, 126, Staten Island, stopped Manuel Baptista, 122, New York, 4. Anuncio Llanos, 119, Cuba, rallied to outpoint Billy Morgan, 116, Newark, 4. Jimmy Ryan, 142, Union, K.O.'ed Felix Collazo, 143, New York, 1. Sam Karinja, 150, Red Bank, nosed out Preacher Jones, 150, Brooklyn, 4. Two knockdowns won for Sam.

Bernie Reynolds, 181, Cliffside Park, showed that he is back on the title trail by K.O.'ing Mike Jacobs, 182, Jersey City, in 28 seconds of the fourth round. Bernie floored Jacobs near the end of the third and then flattened him in the fourth. Jacobs was out for five minutes. Bernie Dowd, 133, Livingston, remained unbeaten by stopping Stan Hilliard, 134, Passaic, 2. Tommy Giorgio, 189, Garfield, outclassed James Abadl, 205, Persia, 5. Ernie (Chief) Charles, 154, Paterson, stopped Bobby Sinns, 151, Irvington, 3. Ike Haywood, 154, Newark, whipped Billy Doerwald, 147, Paterson, 4. Stokes Thomas, 137, Newark, stopped Billy Palumbo, 139, Scranton, Pa., 2.

Charlie Williams, 149, Newark, outstanding contender for welterweight honors, turned in one of his best fights to whip Oswaldo Silva, 157, of Brazil. Williams battered Silva all the way. Tito Valles, 127, New York, K.O.'ed Wally Doktor, 123, New York, in 27 seconds of the eighth and last round. Up till then it had been a close and thrilling fight. Johnny Luciano, 140, Fair Lawn, K.O.'ed Benny Stewart, 142, Newark, 1. Shorty LaBohri, 135, Newark, flattened James Ryan, 142, Union, 3. Preacher Jones, 150, Brooklyn, stopped Danny Barone, 146, Belleville, 2. Stanley Smolken, 123, Brooklyn, stopped Johnny Scott, 125, Newark, due to a cut eye, 2. A crowd of 2,500 paid $4,635 for the best gate of the year so far.

On February 3, Charlie Williams lost to Gene Burton in Newark in 12. Burton scaled 144 to 145½ for Charlie.

Jersey City Gardens—Mike DeCosmo, 146, Elizabeth southpaw, stopped Tony Riccio, 150, Bayonne, at the start of the fifth round due to a cut on Riccio's left eye. The fight was a slugging match. Tony dropped DeCosmo for nine in the sixth round. Joey Martino, 151, Newark, outpointed Lou Gillespie, 153, Ozone Park, L. I., 8. Jimmy Hill, 190, Trenton, won from Gino Boffi, 186, Hoboken, 4. Jimmy Cerello, 163, Hoboken, K.O.'ed Norman Wilson, 162, Englewood, 2. Ralph Giordano, 146, Newark, outscored Otis Edwards, 147, Elizabeth, 4.

Mike DeCosmo, 146, Elizabeth southpaw, scored his second straight K.O. when he flattened Jimmy Milligan, 154, Paterson, with two left hooks to the jaw in 1:54 of the fifth round. Rocky Fusco, 127, Staten Island, dropped Mike Della, 124, Bayonne, five times with left hooks and stopped him in 57 seconds of the fourth. Mike Franco, 176, Jersey City, remained unbeaten by whipping Dan Freeman, 175, Newark, 4. Charles Jackson, 177, Fort Dix, upset James Walls, 190, Englewood, scoring two knockdowns, 4. Terry Wagner, 160, New York, held Freddie Lott, 162, Newark, to a draw, 4. Jimmy Cerello, 163, Hoboken, won from Professor Baker, 155, Newark, 4.

Andy DePaul, 157, Cliffside Park, outboxed Roger Muriel, 158, Elizabeth, in an eight-rounder. Both boys boxed cleverly. Ernie (Rock) Durando, 151, Bayonne, punched his way back to the top by stiffening Johnny Crosby, 145, Bronx, in 26 seconds of the first round. A hard right knocked Crosby out for five minutes. Benny Smith, 133, New York, came off the floor in the first round to press Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 135½, Bayonne, in a third eight-rounder. It was DeFazio's first eight-rounder. Calvin Davis, 144, New York, halted Stokes Thomas, 138, Newark, 4, and Richie Crump, 130, Brooklyn, won from Eddie Johnson, 126, New York, 4.

Joe Curcio, 151, Jersey City southpaw, hung up his fourth straight win since his comeback when he outpunched Joie Martino, 148, Newark, in eight rounds. Curcio floored Martino in the fourth and seventh rounds. Jimmy Cerello, 162, Hoboken, K.O.'ed Jimmy Emerson, 164, Newark, in 1:27 of the first. Charley Norkus, 188, Bayonne, dropped Ed Brown, 210, New York, five times to stop him in the second. Charlie Joe, 175, Newark, K.O.'ed Rockey Sopp, 167, Trenton, 2. Ralph Giordano, 146, Newark, stopped Benny Stewart, 141, Newark, 3. Otis Edwards, 147, Elizabeth, won from Oro Torres, 152, New York, 4.

Hamid's Pier, Atlantic City—Brown Lee, 132, Harrisburg, Pa., came off the floor in the first round to score the year's biggest local upset as he outpointed Percy Bassett, 128½, in a hard-fought eight-rounder. It was Percy's first loss after 26 straight wins. Jimmy Swan, 147, Atlantic City, upset Leon Broxton, 141, Philadelphia, in six fast rounds. Ray Stackhouse, 161, Philadelphia, won over Roy Brown, 161, Philadelphia, in six dull rounds. Ray Hass, 158, Harrisburg, K.O.'ed Johnny Brown, 157, Philadelphia, 2. Lloyd Tate, 137, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Dave Petro, 137, also of Philadelphia, in 4.

Jimmy Collins, 134, Philadelphia, outpunched Herbie (Biff) Jones, 139, Washington, D. C., to win a one-sided eight-rounder. Bobby Lloyd, 128, Wilkes-Barre southpaw, proved too strong for Russ Davis, 120, Trenton, and won in the six-round semi-final. Jimmy Shields, 124, Philadelphia, stopped Cosmo Greco, 123, also from Philadelphia, 5. Greco was floored four times. Lloyd Tate, 140, Philadelphia, continued his winning ways by K.O.'ing Ernie Knight, 139, Trenton, 1. Nick Romagnoli, 122, Philadelphia, halted Sol Soli, 125, Philadelphia, 1.

Calvin Smith, 135, pint-sized Philadelphian, upset tall Bobby Rosado, 135, New York, in eight slow rounds. It was Smith's 23rd win in 24 starts. Don Ellis, 154, Atlantic City, rallied to battle his way to a hard-fought draw with Joe Tate, 156, Philadelphia, in eight rounds. Tate had twice beaten Ellis previously. Lloyd Tate, 138, Philadelphia, did it again as he K.O.'ed Larry King, 134, Philadelphia, in 37 seconds of the first. Johnny Carr, 124, New York, won from Aaron Tart, 127, Philadelphia, in six fast rounds. Marty Fisher, 174, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Charley Smith, 175, also of Philadelphia, 1. Smith was down three times.

Atlantic City—Jimmy Collins, 132, Philadelphia, outslugged Harry LaSane, 126, Houston, in eight fast rounds. Pete Mucci, 158, Atlantic City, who had won five straight away from home, lost his first local start when he was outpointed by Jimmy Morton, 160, Philadelphia, 6. Malcolm Gains, 149, Atlantic City, stopped Angelo Marini, 149, Baltimore, in the third round due to eye cuts. Frankie Sodano, 121, Philadelphia, won a close one from Jimmy Shields, 124, Philadelphia, 6. Al Reid, 160, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Nate Palmer, 162, Baltimore, 1.

Don Ellis, 152, Atlantic City, sprang a big upset by outpointing Al Mobley, 149, Newark, in eight fast rounds. It was the best fight that Don has turned in in a long while. Jimmy Robinson, 146, Philadelphia, stopped Frankie Frye, 145, Newark, in the third. Tommy Sheppard, 136, Baltimore, rallied to outpoint Dick Cannady, 142, Newark, in six hard-fought rounds. Tony Longo, 124, Baltimore, won from Billy Banks, 122, Philadelphia, in six good rounds.

Sipio Lofton, 169, Newark, fought a draw with Randy Brown, 163, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in eight fast and rough rounds. Only a few months ago Brown boxed a draw with Steve Belloise.

Camden Armory—Cliff Dyes, 148, Camden, won every round as he battered Johnny Freeman, 149, Philadelphia. Joe McCloskey, 140, Camden, outpointed Joey Burns, 145½, Philadelphia, in the eight-round co-feature. It was a good win for McCloskey. Johnny Wilson, 203½, Camden, stopped Billy Norris, 194, Philadelphia, in 1:12 of the third round. Norris was dropped twice by Wilson. Johnny Montgomery, 124, Philadelphia, won from Irish Leo O'Brien, 130, Glendora, in six rounds. O'Brien was down in the first. Tommy Kaye, 126, Elizabeth, won easily from Cosmo Greco, 120, Philadelphia, 4.

Ike Williams, world's lightweight champion from Trenton, was honored by the Newark Athletic Club. He was named New Jersey's outstanding professional athlete of the year.

Jimmy Holden battled to a draw with Joe Lindsley and Harry Haft lost to Pat O'Connor.

Boxers looking for work in the metropolitan area should write me at once, if unattached. My address is 145 Kensington Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

NEWS FROM THE CENTURY A. C. OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KESSLER

IN one of the most sensational light-heavyweight battles fought here in many months, Archie Moore, 175, of St. Louis scored a seventh round K.O. over Charley Doc Williams, 169, of Rahway, N. J. It was a terrific battle as both boys went to work from the opening bell.

The first round was even as both boys landed with sharp punches. Williams gained the second round as he scored effectively with a good left jab. Moore ended fast to gain the third round.

It was in the fourth round that Williams staggered Moore with a terrific left hook which had him reeling at the bell. Moore came fighting back and dropped Williams in the fifth to even matters. Archie came on in the sixth to gain the lead as he landed with both hands. In the seventh Moore worked Williams against the ropes and dropped him for the full count with a smashing right that had Williams dazed for many minutes after the fight.

Six rounders—Jimmy Zaicko, 145, Baltimore's leading welter, continued his winning ways by scoring a three-round K.O. over Willie Shields, 140, also of Baltimore.

Ray Klingmyer, 140, of Baltimore, gained a majority decision over Jack Hayward, 138, of Washington.

Four rounders—James Dixon, 150½, K.O.'ed Rudolph Sims, 158. Johnny Dadge, 128, decisioned Jimmy Broun, 130.

Sonny Boy West, 133, of Washington, punched out a unanimous decision over Eduardo Carrasco of Peru. Carrasco was content to run, dance, and make South American motions in order to stay the ten-round route. West was able to land at will when he caught up with Carrasco, who offered no defense. West won practically every round.

Six rounders—Angelo Marino, 158, of Washington, scored a T.K.O. over Emmett Harris, 153, of Baltimore.

Ray Klingmyer won a unanimous decision over Johnny Caster. Klingmyer, 140; Johnny Caster, 135.

Four rounders—Harold Purvis, 147, K.O.'ed Danny Carter, 140½. Tex Newby, 161½, K.O.'ed Rudolph Sims, 163. Walter Hamm, 138, decisioned Walter T. Mines, 137.

Also gaining popularity in the squared circle in Baltimore is wrestling under the promotion of Ed Contos. Contos has brought the biggest names in wrestling to the Baltimore fans. He has had Primo Carnera, Frank Sexton, who is recognized as the champion in these parts, Gorgeous George, Wilber Nead and many others, including the women wrestlers. Shows are held every Tuesday night and they have been drawing capacity crowds. Baltimore, under Ed Contos, is striving to put professional wrestling back on top.

DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

WITH the turn of the New Year Governor-elect G. Mennen Williams made a major change in the Michigan fistic picture when he appointed Floyd Stevens, of Grand Rapids, to replace John J. Hettche as chairman of the state boxing commission. This move came as no surprise to the local followers as Williams made it known that when he took office there would be a change in commission office.

Hettche leaves a position which he served for the past ten years and at the same time his staff also resigned. Namely George Mudie, secretary, along with Louise Kessinger and Bernice Danduram. It was also revealed that J. C. Miller, commission member from Grand Rapids, also submitted his resignation.

Stevens had been active in promoting amateur tournaments in Grand Rapids. Born in Kalamazoo, Floyd is an employe of the International Sales Co.. and planned to continue at his work when time permits. The newly appointed commissioner stated that he favored moving the commission office from Detroit to Lansing and pledged to help out the promoters as much as he possibly could.

Prospect of the Month: Bill Handlin, 160-pounder, from Flint, who is undefeated in 12 starts and could go places if he puts his mind down to it. At the present time he is attending college at Western Michigan.

In his attempts to put Toledo back in the big time, Promoter Pat Thurkettle imported Archie Moore, 175, Baltimore's third ranking light-heavy, to trade blows with aging Alabama Kid, 184, of Columbus, in the feature tenner. Alabama found more than his match in Moore and fell his K.O. victim in the fourth.

The bell saved the Kid in the third after a second knockdown and his seconds worked at a rapid pace to have him ready for the fourth. At the start of what turned out to be the final issue the Columbus battler took another nine count before arising, then let go with an all-out effort to pull the fight out of the fire. Moore opened up with a volley of lefts and a smashing right hand to end the contest.

Another bout slated to go ten found Billy Borne, 156, Detroit, awarded a T.K.O. when Bill Bradley, 159, Newcastle, Pa., was unable to answer the bell for the sixth after taking a two-fisted beating. Borne used a left hook and a chopping right hand to advantage and had matters well in hand.

But the bout that stole the hearts of the fans as well as the show was the pro debut of Ysreal "Yusel" Layton, 124, Detroit Mexican-Hebrew, pitted with Troy Johnson, 129, Toledo Golden Glove Champion. After a close first round, "Yusel" found his foe with a smashing clean-cut right hand in the second which put out the lights for Troy.

Rounding out the card, Jay Watkins, 135, Flint, added Roland Cannon, 135, Chicago, to his list of K.O.'s in the second. The Windy City lad gave a good account of himself but was too inexperienced for the hard socking Jay. Bobby LaLonde, 135, Seattle, decisioned the crude but willing Lorenzo Bretton, 137, Quebec, and Cecil Graff, 150, Detroit, opened the show by besting Aurie Gauthiers, 152, Windsor.

When it had appeared that Nick Londes had a match that would draw at Olympia Stadium, the newly appointed boxing commissioner, Floyd Stevens, refused to approve of Roscoe Toles as an opponent for Ezzard Charles. By studying Toles' record Stevens said he did not consider Roscoe as a qualified foe for that bout but wanted it understood that the ruling is not a move to keep the Detroiter from boxing. Name me a match that would draw better than that one in the Motor City at the present time?

A slugging match in which Joe Agoston, of Windsor, won the nod of Referee Clarence Rosen over Larry Warne, Frost-Avis, was the feature attraction of a television boxing amateur card at the Hackett Field House. Agoston lost the second round for hitting after the bell had rung but won despite this handicap.

Other top attractions had Frank Soave, A.B.C., stop Lovell Kage, Rochester, with a left hook in the first; Johnny Scott, Striggs, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Boyle, Shamrock, in two; and Pete Kaprive, Frost-Avis, flattened Sam Pupillo, Annunciation, with a hard right hand.

Remainder of the card: Don Fournier, J. W. Smith, beat Eddie Griffin, Rochester; John Van Plew, River Rouge, defeated Bill Scott, Cass; Doug Laidlaw, Highland Park, won over Charles Johnson, North End; Bob Ross, Shamrock, received the verdict over Bill Simmons, Center Line; Tom Posier, Dearborn, defeated Benny Culbright, North End; and Al Sheridan, Frost-Avis, edged out Allen Cameron, North End.

Annunciation Hall was the place of a T.A.B.A. show and a good turnout was awarded. In the top bout Bill Curro, Annunciation, attempted to reverse a previous defeat at the hands of Ed Reid, North End, in vain as the former was stopped in the third. Reid went to work in the final issue by decking his opponent twice before Referee Johnny Weber stopped the affair. In another special bout Joe Garza, Annunciation, and Joe Agoston, Windsor, met for the third time and again Garza dealt out a boxing lesson to his adversary.

Other bouts seen: Willie Sims, Brewster, outfought and upset Frank Pollizzi of Annunciation; Jim Sheehan, Annunciation, dropped Allen Cameron, North End, in one; Lou Garza, Annunciation, decisioned Tony Bajkowski, Highland Park; Pete Kopriva, Frost-Avis, beat Jim Vander, Annunciation; Al Sheridan, Frost-Avis, defeated Jim Baumann, Annunciation; Bob Ross, Shamrock, whipped Sam Pupilo, Annunciation; and John O'Connell, Highland Park, won over Myron Simmons, Annunciation.

Art Tracy's gang won only three of the nine bouts with some of his favorites missing. Art is slated to start the process of rebuilding.

At an amateur boxing program in Lourdes Gym of River Rouge, Fred Protas, of Hazel Park, came on from a stormy first round to drop Bob Borne, Dearborn, with a right hand in the third and seal the verdict. Bud Baker, Hazel Park, won over Hec Charette, Windsor. Harry Stevens, River Rouge, received the decision over Willie Johnson, Striggs, and the victory earned the former a trophy awarded by the River Rouge Athletic Club as the best fighter of the night.

John Pielach defeated Jack Moriarty, Frost-Avis; Don Trentman, Shamrock, won from Don Fournier; Jim Crawford, Brewster, beat Tony Pellow, Highland Park; Bill Scott, River Rouge, whipped Bob Steslicki, Shamrock; Ernie Hoffman, Highland Park, defeated Pete Kopriva, Frost-Avis; Mickey Warner, Windsor, won over Johnny Van Plew, River Rouge; and Don Berry, Striggs, outpointed Neimon White, River Rouge.

The appearance of Joe Louis in an exhibition with Art Swiden, of Pittsburgh, brought out a packed house for Promoter Sid Goldberg at Toledo's Civic Market Place. Louis, scaling 220 pounds as to 187 for his adversary, went through four brisk rounds with Swiden moving at a rapid pace and making things interesting for its onlookers.

In the feature ten on the card, Talmadge Bussey, 135, Detroit, worked his way to an easy decision over Ronnie Harper, 136, Huntington, W. Va., who was taking the bout on short notice as a replacement for the injured Jesse Topper Underwood. The Detroiter shook up his opponent repeatedly early in the bout but could not make him kiss the canvas. Talmadge appeared to be lacking the punching power which made him one of the hardest hitting lightweights in the mid-west.

The best affair was the clash between "Irish" Jimmy Sanders, 147, Warren, Ohio, and Ted Bussey, 147, Detroit. Those who appreciate fine boxing with plenty of hard hitting when called for, saw just that. The younger of the Bussey brothers, Ted, tired slightly in the later rounds after proving to everyone he was capable of going ten action packed rounds. All the officials scored in favor of Sanders by a close margin. Bussey received three rounds on all three of the officials' cards and one called three even while the other two figured two even.

In a six, Cuban Flash, 141, Detroit, went the distance with Charley Cotton, 145, Toledo's popular youngster. Flash hit the deck three times in the early rounds but came back and stayed in close, not giving Cotton a chance to let go with his devastating blows.

Two fours had Johnny O'Connor, 125, Toledo, put Eddie Tamborini, 128, Detroit, in dreamland in the opening issue, and Art Jackson, 165, Toledo, made it two straight over Bobby Morris, 167, Detroit.

Here and There. . . . Willie Dominguez and Harry Harris believe that they have the only Mexican-Hebrew fighter in the game today in Ysreal "Yusel" Layton, a featherweight.

Less Huffman, fellow ring scribe, has a nice looking prospect in Jimmy Welsh. This lad, who never had an amateur bout, started out as a clown fighter in stag parties. But since turning to the fight for pay business he has had 34 starts with but five defeats.

Eddie Davis is now managing "Hammering Hank" Armstrong, who is available for guest refereeing appearances. Henry and Eddie are O.K. fellows who are willing to help out any youth or underprivileged children by appearing at any or as many as possible youth meetings while in town. . . . Orders are now being taken for Nat Fleischer's 1949 RING RECORD BOOK. This is one of boxing's greatest assets so you don't want to be caught without a copy. . . . Jack Asperry, former referee, has been a patient in the Providence Hospital for the past six weeks and is reported to be seriously ill.

Manager Bert Lamb, Trainer Eddie Futch, and Fighter Lester Felton are on their way to the Pacific Coast where they hope to hit the big time. Les, a 19-year-old welterweight, is undefeated in 29 starts and his handlers express the opinion that they have a champion in him. . . . Crowd pleasing Willie Cheatum has taken a new lease on boxing life since hooking up with Bud McGovern.

A return go between Billy Borne and Bill Stemmler would go good for a small local club here in the Motor City. These two lads are very evenly matched and fought a draw in their previous encounter at Windsor. If Borne continues his winning ways it is most likely he will head a large outdoor show this summer. . . . The job being done with Ted Bussey by Manager Eddie Higgins is the talk of the town. If he improves as much as he has in the past six months look out for a lad who will please.

Novice Topics. . . . Michigan State was swamped by Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl intercollegiate dual meet. Charley Davey, 135-pound N.C.A.A. champion from Michigan State, dropped Al Hebert at 1:53 of the third for the full count with a left uppercut to the stomach. Gabriel Marck, 175, was the only other visitor winning, as he received the decision over Sam Algood. Ernest Charbonneau, N.C.A.A. 112-pound king last year, was outpointed by Wilbert Moss, of L.S.U.

George Hunter, who defeated Chuck Spieser in the Olympic games, turned pro on the Ralph-Mills card and beat Bertie Dartnelli.

The Television Amateur Boxing Association has suspended its weekly boxing shows. These cards, presented since early last year, have been crowded off the schedule of WWJ-TV by the new national network. But the chances are that there will be adjustments made.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

BOXING got off to a good start New Year's afternoon with a gross gate of $17,500. Bert Lytell, 162, Fresno, California, proved his right to the nation's No. 1 rating by knocking out Jerome Frazier, 158½, Milwaukee, in 1:14 of the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. The bout was packed with savage action while it lasted. Frazier backed away for the better part of the first three rounds, but covered his retreat with a steady two-fisted fire except when cornered, then he gave as good as he received in heavy punching duels. Frazier was floored by a powerful left in the third round. He bounced right up, but was required to take the full nine count. The same punch ended hostilities in the fifth.

Bob Sandberg, 137, Rockford southpaw, enhanced his popularity here by knocking out Al Gaulteri, 138, Washington, in four rounds. It was the 23rd straight victory for Bob. Following a sustained body attack a powerful left under the heart put Sammy Angott's protege away.

Two local scrappers who are fast becoming favorites of the fans won their bouts on the card. One, Terry Wagner, 159½, T.K.O.'ed Bob Cotton, 168, Indianapolis, in 2:12 of the fourth. The other, Tony Gunia, 142, Milwaukee, beat Jimmy Chaney, 143, Indianapolis, in six. Gunia and Sandberg are managed by Ramey McKnight. Frank Merriweather, 156, Milwaukee, T.K.O.'ed Lee Deck, 145, Indianapolis, in 2:33 of the third.

Here's a Ripley for you: In the same city, same building, same ring, one year apart, 1948, 1949, Jerome Frazier was K.O.'ed same time, 1:14; same round, fifth; 1948 by Jackie Darthard, 1949 by Bert Lytell.

Gene Gannon, as sweet a little boxer as you would want to look at, has a five-acre farm at South Milwaukee. He has not missed a heavyweight championship fight in 20 years. Working out of Buffalo under Hugh Shannon he fought the best bantamweights in the country. As a kid I remember he and brother Richie fighting an eight-round windup at Stoughton, Wis. It was one of the fastest bouts I ever saw, an even up affair.

In the first boxing show staged in La Cross, Wis., in two years, Glen Flanagan, 131, St. Paul, knocked out George Marcos, 135½, La Cross, in the sixth round of a scheduled 8 rounder. It was a fast fight with Flanagan scoring heavily to the body. When his left hook sent Marcos to the canvas in the 6th, he was counted out while claiming the punch went into foul territory. Marcos took the bout on two days' notice when Matt Dougherty turned up with a badly cut eye received in a bout at Rockford.

Other bouts had Marling Pettis, 139½, Minneapolis, beating Cy Lewis, 136½, St. Paul, in 6; Francis Bud Turner, 134, La Cross, and Bill Flaherty, 132½, St. Paul, went 4 rounds to a draw; Bobby Morrelli, 156½, Minneapolis, kayoed Louie Hall, 165, La Cross, in 3; Roy Thomas, 153½, St. Paul, scored a 3 round knockout over George Monsoor, 153, La Cross.

The fans who braved the 10 degree below zero weather enjoyed the show staged by Casey Gregorich, La Cross Boxing Club promoter. The gross gate was $1200.

Managers, trainers and handlers of both amateur and professional boxers got together in Milwaukee and formed the Boxing Alliance of Wisconsin. Ray Heling was elected president; Ramey McKnight, vice-president; Matt Dougherty, secretary and treasurer. State of Purpose: 1st, to promote and better direct the welfare of boxers; 2nd, to promote cooperation between the men associated with boxing and to establish and maintain high standards of workmanship in the profession; 3rd, to advance the common interests of managers, trainers and handlers of boxers.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

I AM starting my column this month in deep sympathy with the family of genial Dave Harris who promoted fights several years back and was one of the swellest guys I have met in my 35 years in the boxing business. Dave leaves a wife, a daughter, and two brothers, Ben and Henry. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Matchmakers for small spots near Columbus, Ohio, have been regular fans at the 20th Century Gymnasium the past four weeks and according to rumors the Tank Towns are ready for the winter season.

The Alabama Kid, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along, coming back from Australia where he met all the best. The majority of the fight fans who knew him before he left thought he was finished but these same fans are rallying around him since his return.

Regardless of what kind of fights the Heath Hanison combination dish out to the Akron fight fans there is always some few who get delight booing the decision and that happened again when Roney Delaney, one of the best looking little welterweights ever to hit the Rubber City, was abused by the fans after he was given a well deserved win over Eddie O'Neil, of Detroit, Michigan. Taking no credit from O'Neil, the fight was close but Delaney landed the hardest blows and the judges called it right. Both fighters gave all they had for the entire eight heats.

Jimmy Sanders, of Warren, Ohio, won again over Rudy Zadell, of Akron, Ohio. Sanders just has too much moxie for the Rubber City lad. The fight was close just like the first one, but it was plain that Sanders was Zadell's master throughout the 12 rounds. In their first meeting of ten rounds Sanders was given the duke. It was a replica of the first bout.

Jimmy Welsh, Negro middleweight from Columbus, had little trouble with Tony Necro, of Warren, Ohio, after taking a pasting for three rounds Necro was unable to leave his corner for the fourth round and Welsh was awarded the TKO.

Fitzie Pruden, of Paterson, N. J., stopped Bobby Williams, of Philadelphia, Pa., in the first heat. Williams did not belong in the same county with Pruden let alone the same ring. It ended in 1:16 of the first heat.

Johnny Paoletti, of Akron, Ohio, got the nod over Clay Milliron in a five-round scrap. Paoletti had Milliron down several times but couldn't keep him there.

A packed house was on hand for the fights, and this makes three straight good houses for the Akron promoters. Two thousand five paid fans passed through the turnstiles, and as usual a host of the "Annie Oakley" regulars who holler the loudest when a fight is slow. Funny fans these "Oakley" boys.

Walter Moore, Akron, Ohio, wrestling promoter, is opening up wrestling in Lorain, Ohio, at the Antler Auditorium.

The Becker brothers of Cincinnati, Ohio, are trying to rematch Walter Hafer with Jo Weidin, of Australia. Hafer won the first one by a TKO when Weidin's eye was cut with the fight being stopped in the ninth round. Until that time the fight was close. The bout drew 3000 fans and $10,365.

The writer is anxious to sell Irish Pat Richards' contract. Any manager wanting an Irish heavyweight get in touch with the writer at the below address.

The writer is also anxious to get in touch with a couple of good Mexican fighters—middleweights or welterweights preferred. This is a good spot for fighters from South of the Border to make a home.

January the tenth was a bad date for the 20th Century's stable of fighters as on this date Willie Russell who has been the leading lightweight of Ohio for several years lost the duke to Joe Discepoli, of Cincinnati, Ohio, after getting a very badly cut eye in the seventh round and the Alabama Kid also met defeat at the hands of Archie Moore in the fourth round by a K.O. The latter was one of the best fights that had been offered to date at Toledo, Ohio. The gate paid off a net of $2900.

The Russell fight came as a surprise as Russell was the choice in the betting (8 to 5), and being the hardest hitter, fans thought if the fight went the limit Discepoli would win but they also thought that Russell would get in one of his haymakers to end the contest in his favor. The gate netted $5500.

Buck Mathias the genial Fort Wayne, Indiana, promoter, had to give way to the Bingo Games at Fort Wayne and at this time has no place to promote his shows.

Ohio fight fans are wondering about the reason for the Ezzard Charles vs. Joe Louis fight not coming to the front. Charles has beaten every logical opponent.

The Akron promoters have some real naturals to work on now. Jimmy Welsh vs. Jimmy Saunders, Ron Delaney vs. Willie Russell, Willie Russell vs. Jimmy Saunders, Jimmy Welsh vs. Ron Delaney, and the latter is a real one as Welsh is the only fighter to hold a win over Delaney.

Phil (Mutt) Schwartz, at one time a leading welterweight, is proving to the most skeptical fight fans that he has what it takes to be a good third man. He is one of the few referees that can handle any fight from lightweights to heavyweights.

Joe Brown, who was credited with one of the quickest knockouts on record here in Ohio when he stopped Irish Pat Richards at Buckye Lake with a one punch, one round, 16 second KO, is coming back to Ohio for a series of fights.

A letter from my good friend Lew Muscat, of Canton, Ohio, stated that he has taken over the management of Vince Turpin, hard hitting Canton, Ohio, welterweight, along with Eddie Bell, one of the up and coming middleweights of Ohio, who in his last two fights won over Chico Pacheco, of New York, and Jack Besselman by a TKO at Pittsburgh, Pa. Turpin has won 43 fights, lost two and drew in two.

The fight promoters of Columbus, Ohio, are now making arrangements to stage an all middleweight tournament. Cities in Ohio are invited to send in names and pictures of their outstanding middleweights. The winner of the tournament is to be given a trophy and will be recognized as the middleweight champion of Ohio.

Send all pictures and records of fighters to the writer.

The Ohio Penitentiary and the London Prison Farm had their day on the 22nd of January. That Saturday afternoon was devoted to seven fights, and brother I mean fights. The champions of each institution which was singled down from a series of bouts over the year met each other to decide the champ to reign over the two Penal institutions.

The first bout between the two champs, Lewis Ellis of the L.P.F. and Eddy Meadows of the O.P. was won by a decision in four heats by Meadows. The second bout between Charles Sawyer, L.P.F., and Norman Bebik, of the O.P., was won in four rounds by Sawyer. The third bout of four rounds was won by John Graham of the O.P. over John Tatro of the L.P.F.. Albert Green of the L.P.F. won in four over John Graham of the O.P. The fifth bout between Henry Haynes of the L.P.F. and James Roberts of the O.P. was won by Haynes. In the sixth scrap, Sonny Buttler of the L.P.F. dropped the duke to Teddy Baker of the O.P. The walkout fight was between two of the toughest heavyweights and was a hammer and tong affair which was called a draw after five rounds.

The Alabama Kid fell beneath the big guns of Sid Peaks at Dayton, Ohio, when the veteran was stopped in the first round with two hard punches by Peaks.

The semi-final ten round bout between Larry Courtright, Dayton, Ohio, middleweight, and Jimmy Welsh, Columbus, Ohio, middleweight, was a real slugging battle between two willing scrappers. Welsh was the master throughout the ten heats and at no time did Courtright cause the Capitol City battler any trouble.

Woody Green, of Indianapolis, dropped the duke to Joe Jarman, of Dayton, in four; Dick Vess, Dayton, Ohio, middleweight, and Dan Pinto, Columbus middle, drew in four; Chuck McGow, Indianapolis, and Dick Armstrong, Dayton, drew in four.

The Dayton promoter was greeted again by a packed house.

Sammy Payne, Bluefield, W. Va., who used to be a pretty fair middleweight here in Columbus, is now attending college at Bluefield, W. Va.

The first two amateur shows sponsored by the Columbus Dispatch here in Columbus, Ohio, of which the proceeds go to the local zoo, tucked away $8000 and with four more shows coming up the kids in Columbus will see a lot of new animals next summer.

Freddie Schott, Akron, Ohio, heavyweight, who was fighting out of New York the past few years, made his debut in his home town by taking an eight round decision over Rickey Ronci, of Youngstown, Ohio, in a rough, tough alley brawl. Although the fans did not like the decision it was a good fight with Schott winning a close decision.

Ron Delaney, one of the best welterweights in Ohio today, has a hard time convincing the fans that he is top flight material. A good club fighter, who never fails to please, he had to take the measure of Eddie O'Neil, of Michigan, to convince the fans that the first fight was no fluke and he accomplished it easier this time than in the first engagement. Time after time Delaney would blast O'Neil with straight lefts that looked like it would be the last for the Auto City fighter but he would shake them off and come back fighting. Both the above fights were over the eight round route.

Frankie Moran, Pittsburgh southpaw, was forced to come from behind to win over tough Joey Kezele, of Warren, Ohio, in another eight rounder packed with action. Kezele rallied in the later part of the fight to force Moran, and the decision was not popular with the Rubber City fans.

In a five round supporting bout Johnny Paoletti, of Akron, a welterweight, kayoed Ken Brown of Detroit, in two. Paul Simpson, Cleveland heavyweight, got the nod over Detroit's Jack Thompson, in five heats.

Two thousand two hundred eighty-five fans trekked to the Akron fight emporium to see one of the best shows of the year and paid a total of $4,963.

Both Schott and Delaney will be a big help to the Rubber City promoters.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

EDDIE CARDEW (Holloway), 146¼, made short work of Gordon Ashun (Bootle), 146½, at The Caledonian Road Baths. A left hook to the jaw put the Negro Northerner down for the full count in the second round. Jimmy Green (Warrington), 119¾, and Freddie Hicks (Bermondsey), 124½, fought eight rounds to a draw. Jimmy Cardew (Holloway), 119, won over Wally Basquille (Ireland), 125, over four rounds. Ted Berry (Bethnal Green), 138½, outpointed Eddie Oliver (Charlton), 138, over six rounds.

Terry Kelly (Manchester) knocked out Johnny McDonald of Stockport, in the fifth round at Newton Heath.

George Daly (Blackfriars) who was known before the World War as the late Jeff Sickson's office boy, thrives with age, for he gave a masterful display when he outpointed Fanie Bushney (South Africa) over eight rounds at Walworth. Freddie Hicks (Bermondsey) and Billy Daniels (Bow) boxed eight rounds to a draw. Dick Langley (Peckham) stopped Pat Cubis (Luton) in the fourth of a middleweight contest. George Thresher (Edmonton) took 2:10 of the first round to K.O. Chris Bartlett (Canning Town). Stan Salter (Deptford) outpointed Alf Clark (Bow) over eight rounds of a bantamweight contest.

Joe Rood (Aldgate), 160½, knocked out Gordon Griffiths (Taunton), 155¼, in the eighth and last round at West Ham. Mickey Forester of West Ham, 126½, was asked to concede too much weight to Morty Kelleher (Ireland), 132½, and after a hard fought bout Forester was forced to retire with a badly cut eye at the end of the fourth round. Neil McCearn (Glasgow), 148, outpointed Mickey Duff (Aldgate), 146¼, over eight rounds.

Norman Tennant (Dundee) won the Scottish Flyweight Title when he knocked out Jackie Bryce (Glasgow) in the second round at Dundee.

Bert Jackson (Fleetwood), 127, punched too hard for Jackie Turpin (Leamington), 126, in the feature bout at Johnny Best's Stadium, Liverpool. A left hook followed by a right to the jaw, put Turpin down for the full count in the sixth round.

Billy McDonald (Liverpool), 135½, outpointed Maurice Mancini (Leamington), 137¼, over ten rounds. Jack Molloy (Bootle) outpointed Jacky Ryan (Stoke) in an eight-round featherweight contest. Freddie Leyland (St. Helens) won points over Johnny Gleave (Warrington) after six rounds of a welterweight contest. Andy Blyth (Chester) knocked out Ron Pearsall (Runcorn) in the first round of a lightweight bout.

Ben Duffy (Jarrow) showed some of his old fighting form when he met Arthur Gould (Woolwich) at Bermondsey. The referee stopped the contest in Duffy's favor, after Gould had taken considerable punishment. Stan Davis (Walworth) stopped Ivor Thomas (Wales) in the second round of a welterweight contest.

Bert Sanders (Kilburn) stopped Harry Davis (Bethnal Green) in the sixth round of a middleweight contest at Caledonian Road Baths.

Piet Van Staden (South Africa) knocked out the hard-hitting Joe Beckett of Hempnall in the five-round bout at Cambridge.

Eddie Dumazell (Cardiff) outpointed Black Bond (Jamaica) after a hard fought eight-round featherweight bout at Douglas, Isle of Man.

Cliff Curvis, the brilliant Swansea southpaw lightweight, gave one of his best displays when he stopped Ivor "Kid" Germain in the fifth round at Abergavenny. The latter's seconds threw in the towel after he had taken considerable punishment. Bob Burniston (Barry) outpointed Jack Phillips (Tredegar) over eight rounds of a welterweight contest. Des Jones (Tredegar) stopped Johnny Houlston (Cardiff) in the sixth round of a middleweight contest.

Albert Finch (Croydon), South Eastern Area middleweight champion, had little difficulty in defeating Douggie Meyers (Rotherham), the referee stopping the contest in the sixth round. At Walworth—Charlie Wingrove (Battersea) knocked out Cyril Evans (Welwyn) in the third round. Henry Carpenter (Peckham) stopped Jim Jennings (Clapton) in the fourth round.

Bert Hyland (Ireland) gained a narrow points victory over Joe Rood (Aldgate) in the feature bout of eight rounds at Leyton. Dave Cummings (Paddington) outpointed Ron Dennington (Peckham) over six rounds of a welterweight contest.

Jimmy Green (Warrington) outpointed Jimmy Webster (West Ham) in an eight-round bout at Middlesborough.

Jeff Tite (Spratton) scored a points win over Dick Shields (Liverpool) in an eight-round welterweight contest. Les Allen (Coventry) drew with Frank Duffy (Bootle) over eight rounds. Dennis Powell (Wales) outpointed Alan Cooke (Workshop) over eight rounds. Teddy Larkham (Isleworth) outpointed Moe Walker (Leicester) after eight rounds of a lightweight contest.

Terry Allen (Islington), Southern Area flyweight champion, 112¾, was too fast for the experienced Manchester flyweight Tommy Farricker, 112¾, in their eight-round contest at Kentish Town. At the finish Allen was a clear winner on points. Johnny Russell (Covent Garden) knocked out Billy Davies (Birmingham) in the second round of a lightweight contest.

Piet Van Staden (South Africa) confirmed his previous eight-round points win over Ric Sanders (Leicester) at West Ham, when they met in a return contest at the same venue. Teddy Lee (Islington) took 30 seconds of the first round to score a K.O. win over Billy Hill (Barrow). Ron Cooper (Poplar) former amateur champion, made his first appearance as a professional when he stopped Mickey Jones (Southend) in the fourth round. Ken Diston (Hendon) outpointed Johnny O'Garra (Aylesham) in a six-round bantamweight contest. Ron Bebbington (West Ham) outclassed Tom Smith (Leicester), and the referee wisely stopped the one-sided contest in the first round.

Stan Hawthorne (North Shields), 147¼, was declared the winner over Ludevico Berto (Italy), 147, in the seventh round for Berto's misuse of his head at The Stadium, Liverpool. The crowd did not take kindly to the referee's decision. Jimmy Molloy (Liverpool), 148, stopped Joe Baillie (Glasgow), 149, when the latter received a badly cut eye in the fourth round. Jackie Fairclough (Preston) outpointed Frank Tierney (Glasgow) in an eight-round flyweight bout. Johnny Fox (Liverpool) and Jesse Birtwhistle (Bolton) boxed a draw in an eight-round welterweight contest. Dave Shell (Mold) outpointed Micky Green (Warrington) in a lightweight bout over six rounds.

Eddie Cardew, 146¾, of Holloway shows improvement in every bout. Alf Taylor (Warrington), 144, went the same way as Cardew's previous opponents. Taylor took the count in the first round from a hard left hook to the body and right to the head. These welterweights fought at Caledonian Road Baths. Freddie Hicks (Bermondsey), 123½, scored a K.O. over Jimmy Green (Warrington), 119½, in the fifth round. Ted Berry (Bethnal Green) outpointed Tony Brazil (Brighton) over six rounds of a lightweight contest.

At Walworth George Daly (Blackfriars) was forced to bring out his old skill to avoid the rushing and bustling tactics of the Liverpool lightweight Billy Barton. At the end of eight rounds, Daly received a well-earned decision. Henry Carpenter (Peckham) knocked out Benny Rozza (Liverpool) in the first of a flyweight bout. Stan Davis (Walworth) outpointed Dennis Collins (Grimsby) in eight rounds of a welterweight bout. Sammy Ervin (Balham) defeated Alf Clark (Bow) in the fifth.

Harry Lazar (Aldgate), 141, was in very good form against Stan Burniston (Barry), 148, who was out on his feet when the referee stopped the bout in Lazar's favor in the second round. Jock Bonas (Rotherham), 128¾, defeated Morty Kelleher (Ireland), 128¾, in the second round, when the latter received a deep gash on the cheek bone from a head on collision. Ron Cooper (Poplar), 127, outpointed Les Turner (Oxford), 129½, over six rounds. Al Young (Jamaica), 127½, outpointed Len Davies (Wales), 132½, in six. Bennie Long (Dagenham), 136, won on points from Ron Fish (Hendon), 135, after four rounds.

Les Allen (Coventry) turned in a good performance when he knocked out Neil McCearn (Glasgow) in the fifth round of a welterweight bout at Northampton. Ernie Thompson (Nuneaton) and Arthur Wright (Peterborough) fought eight rounds to a draw.

Jimmy Stewart (Edinburgh) who has been out of the ring for some time owing to illness, made a welcome return in his hometown, with a five-round K.O. over the former flyweight champion of Scotland, Jackie Bryce (Glasgow), in a bantamweight contest.

Teddy Lee (Islington), 150¼, walked into Jack Coles (Wales), 149¾, in the first round of their contest at Kings Cross, with the intention of scoring a quick K.O., but the Welshman had other ideas, for he slipped the hard hooks and swings, and although he was forced to take some hard blows, he cleverly scored with telling straight lefts to his opponent's nose. In the fifth round with Coles in the lead, Lee suddenly turned to his corner disgusted; as if he wanted to retire. Referee Teddy Waltham told him that if he retired he would disqualify him FOR RETIRING WITHOUT CAUSE. This made Lee resume the bout and he wanted after Coles in a furious manner, but all to no avail. After taking some more punishment, the referee stopped the contest and awarded the decision to Coles.

Jock Bonas (Rotherham), 126¼, outpointed Bert Jordan (Bridlington), 126¾, over eight rounds. Billy Lee (Islington), 140½, outpointed Terry Gordon (Stepney), 139½, over four rounds. Harry Droy (Islington), 127¾, outpointed Jack Osborne (Rochester), 128, over four rounds.

Tommy Bailey (Liverpool), 128, gained a points win over Jim McCann (Belfast), 128, after ten rounds at The Stadium, Liverpool. Micky Jones (Southend), 116, defeated Jacky Fairclough (Preston), 117, in the third round on a disqualification. Garnett Denny (Belfast), a young cruiserweight, added Tony Lord (Liverpool), to his record, when he stopped the latter in the fifth round. Bernard Pugh (Liverpool) outpointed Eddie "Kid" Larty (Gold Coast) over eight rounds. Denis Nagle (Preston) knocked out Ginger James (Southport) in the fourth round of a flyweight contest.

A packed house at Bournemouth saw Ronnie Draper of Southampton outpoint Jimmy Green (Warrington) in eight rounds of a bantamweight contest. Freddie Mills boxed an exhibition with Billy Hall (Bournemouth) and received a great reception. Ken Diston (Hendon) stopped Peter Fay (Bournemouth) in the fifth round when the latter was forced to retire with a damaged ear. Harry Legge (Bournemouth) knocked out Harry Harris (Camden Town) in the third round of a lightweight contest with a left hook to the solar plexus.

Jimmy Davis (Bethnal Green), 158, was a little fortunate to receive the decision over Richard Armagh (Gold Coast), 161¼, over eight rounds at Leyton. Jackie Turpin (Leamington), 126½, outpointed Danny Nagel of Ireland, 129, over eight rounds. Jimmy Murray (Ireland), 128½, outpointed Les Turner (Oxford), 131, over six rounds. Bill Dixon (West Ham), 140½, stopped Fred Evans (Wales), 140, in the last of a six-round contest.

Norman Tennant (Dundee), 113¾, stopped the Italian, Nazzareno Giannelli of Milan, 113¾, in the second round, with a left and right to the body after he was counted out, Giannelli was rushed to the hospital in Dundee, and detained. Bobby Boland (Dundee), 120, was a good points winner over Lucien Filieuxe (Charleroi), 118¼, at the end of eight rounds. Jim Gallagher (Glencraig), 155½, and Charles Claydon (Derby), 153, fought a thrilling six rounds, before Gallagher received a well-earned points victory. Sammy Wilde (Gold Coast), 161½, knocked out Dave McLaren (Comrie), 152½, in the second round. Joe Lynnam (Dundee), 129, knocked out Ronnie Nelson (Derby), 126½, in the third round.

Nick Fisher (Wales), 180½, gained a points win over Matt Hardy (Doncaster), 193, at the end of eight rounds at Walsall.

Johnny Barton (Lancaster), 176, gained a clear win over Gene Fowler (Canada), 177, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Preston. Bill Jackson (Jamaica), 158, knocked out Reg Marshall (Widnes), 159, in the opening round.

Jock Bonas (Rotherham), 126¾, reversed a previous defeat against Black Bond (Jamaica), 126½, in an eight-round contest at Derby.

Alex Buxton (Watford), 163¼, defeated Chris Adcock (Rochdale), 161, in the fifth round at Watford, when Adcock appeared well beaten. Les Rendle (Hull), 140½, knocked out Benny Richards (Slough), 140¾, in the third round.

Ric Sanders (Leicester), 149½, puzzled Harry Lazar (Aldgate), 147½, by his southpaw stance, and punished the Aldgate welterweight for eight rounds to win a points decision at West Ham. Jimmy Webster (West Ham), 121, and Arthur Gould (Woolwich), 121¾, drew over eight rounds. Ken Diston (Hendon), 120½, outpointed Micky Jones (Southend), 118¾, over six rounds. Ron Bebbington (West Ham), 152½, knocked out a "novice" in Andy Oliver (Hammersmith), 156, in the third round.

Piet Van Staden (South Africa), 148¼, was unfortunate in his bout with Billy Coloulias (New Zealand), 140¾, at Southsea. Looking all over a points winner, the South African was forced to retire with a badly-cut eye in the seventh of an eight-round contest.

Dennis Powell (Four Crosses), 177¼, defeated Doug Brock of Newcastle, 173½, in the first round at Willenhall. Brock was in a bad way, after three knockdowns, when the referee stopped the bout.

Danny O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park), 120, was forced to the limit to gain a decision over Len Shaw, the Sheffield Southpaw, 121, after eight rounds at Kings Cross.

George Daly (Blackfriars) won a clear points victory over Roy Davies (Spratton) after eight rounds at Bermondsey, in a lightweight contest.

Joe Rood (Aldgate) and Tommy Jones (Derby) fought eight rounds to a draw at Paddington. These middleweights fought a thrilling bout throughout.

Pressure is being put on Freddie Mills, world's cruiserweight champion, to go through with his promised return match with Gus Lesnevich in U.S.A. and with that end in view, Ted Broadribb, manager of Mills, and Jack Solomons, England's premier boxing promoter, who has Mills under contract for a contest with Bruce Woodcock for the latter's British heavyweight title in June, were all called before the stewards of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Ted Broadribb explained that he is willing for Mills to carry out the promise, providing that the contest is staged three weeks before his proposed contest with Woodcock, but the promoters must put up a deposit of $20,000 that Lesnevich will scale the prescribed 175 pounds for the contest. If the contest is to take place, then the date will have to be April or early in June. There the matter ends for the present, and the answer will have to be given by the promoters in U.S.A.

Les Johnson (Finsbury Park) threw a spanner into the flyweight division by outpunching Dickie O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park) in an eight-round contest at Kentish Town. Johnson, 37 years old, waded into the Toy Bulldog from the start and had O'Sullivan backing away from his heavy right hand punches. Referee Tommy Little raised the hand of the veteran Les Johnson as the winner at the termination of the conflict. Johnny Russell (Covent Garden) knocked out Dick Levers (Chesterfield) in the fourth round of a lightweight contest. Johnny Kent (Covent Garden) outpointed Billy Daniels (Stepney) over eight rounds of a bantamweight contest.

Terry Allen (Islington), 113, had little difficulty in winning over Billy Hazelgrove (Brighton), 113, in a eight-round bout at Walworth. Allen was too fast for the Brightonian, who gamely lasted the full course. Henry Carpenter (Peckham) stopped Don Hoole (Plymouth) in the third round, when the latter received a cut eye. Stan Davis (Walworth) outpointed Bob Moore (Plymouth) in an eight-round welterweight contest.

Eddie Thomas (Wales) enhanced his reputation when he visited Newcastle, and sadly trounced the local favorite Billy Exley in a ten-round contest to win on points.

Bert Hyland (Ireland) outfought Alby Hollister (Islington) in the feature bout of eight rounds of a middleweight contest at Leyton.

Laurie Buxton (Watford), 144, after being given a boxing lesson and a beating by Bob Frost (West Ham), 147, at Bedford, threw one of his heavy right hand swings to the latter's body in the fifth round which put him down for the full count. Jackie Hughes (Wales), 129, outpointed Ben Duffy (Jarrow), 128¼, over eight rounds. Billy Coloulias (New Zealand) outpointed Billy Hall (Bournemouth) over eight rounds. Peter Lilley (London) knocked out Danny Chilton (Kentish Town) in the third round.

Ric Sanders (Leicester) won over Jim Wellard (Northampton) in the seventh round at West Ham, when the latter, well behind on points, delivered a low blow, and was promptly ruled out by Referee Jack Hart. Ollie Williams (West Ham) outpointed Chris Adcock (Rochdale) over eight rounds of a middleweight contest.

Frank Duffy (Bootle), 149¾, defeated Les Vaughan (Rhondda), 150, in the sixth round at The Stadium, Liverpool. Stan Gossip (Hull), 127¼, outpointed Chris Kelly (Liverpool), 127¾, over eight rounds. Don Francis (Liverpool) outpointed Jacky Molloy (Bootle) over eight rounds of a featherweight contest. Eric Billington (Golbourne) knocked out Mike Regan (Northwich) in the second round of a lightweight contest. Jacky Ryan (Stoke) outpointed Al Kenny (Liverpool) over six rounds of a featherweight bout.

Alf Clark (Bow) knocked out Billy Wills (Jamaica) in the third round at Stoke on Trent.

Pat Stribling (Croydon) outpointed Billy Phillips (Wales) over eight rounds in a cruiserweight contest at Oxford. Frank Spalton (Fulham) outpointed Eric Thomas (Wales) over eight rounds of a welterweight contest.

Eddie Cardew, the rising young welterweight from Holloway, was forced to travel the full course, by the Negro welterweight Cal Johnson (Jamaica) at Kings Cross, and at the end was a worthy points winner. George Thresher (Edmonton) outpointed Ritchie McCulloch (Belfast) over eight rounds of a lightweight contest. Ted Berry (Bethnal Green) knocked out Dennis Ford (Abbots Langley) in the third round.

Ludevico Berto (Italy), 147, outpointed Jimmy Molloy (Liverpool), 147½, over ten rounds at The Stadium, Liverpool. John Hazel (Birkenhead), 137¼, won on points over Hyman Williams (Jamaica), 137½, over eight rounds. Dave Shell (Mold) outpointed Ted Ansell (Birkenhead) over six rounds of a lightweight contest. Ron Perry (Stalybridge) outpointed Vernon Solas (Birkenhead) over six rounds of a bantamweight bout. Albert Fielding (Wrexham) defeated Eddie McCormick (Deal) on points at the end of six rounds.

Tommy Whelan (Bradford), 161, outpointed Cpl. Jimmy Tipper, 158, at the end of eight thrilling rounds at Cleveleys. Bobby Graham (Salford), 146, outpointed Ossie Hall (Oldham), 144, over six rounds.

Bob Roberts (Northwich), 146, and Eric Hauge (Wombwell), 148, fought eight rounds to a draw at Morcambe. Dennis Reed (Lancaster), 111, outpointed Eddie Fitzsimmons (Liverpool), 108, over six rounds. Ronnie Bate (Golbourne), 127, gave a grand display of crisp hitting, when he dropped Ted Machin of Belfast, 128, in the fourth round.

Micky McKay (South Africa) gave a polished performance to outpoint Sammy Reynolds (Wolverhampton) over eight rounds at Cheltenham. Jackie Foster (Ireland) outpointed Albert Sanderson (Northampton) over eight rounds of a flyweight bout.

Tommy McGovern (Bermondsey) gained a points win over Bert Hornby (Bolton) at the end of eight hard-fought rounds. Johnny McGowan (Leeds) knocked out Billy Stevens (Glasgow) in the sixth round of a middleweight contest at Leeds. Ray Fitton (Manchester) scored a good win, when he knocked out Bert Jordan (Bridlington) in the second round of a featherweight contest.

Bobby Blair (Oldham) outpointed Cal Johnson (Jamaica) on points over eight rounds at Blackburn. Noel Sinfield (Wombwell) outpointed Ernie Foden (Stockport) over eight rounds. Johnny McDonald (Stockport) defeated Geof Turp (Wombwell) on points at the end of eight rounds.

BOXING IN HAVANA
By MILT BARON

MIGUEL MENDIVIL put over a splendid scrap to earn the judge's nod, when he defeated Orlando Zulueta, the Cuban lightweight champion, in an overweight match. Mendivil won by a comfortable margin, winning eight of the ten rounds, and this victory classes him as number one challenger for the Cuban lightweight diadem. Weights—Mendivil 136, and Zulueta 132½.

On the supporting card, Antonio Armenteros and Humberto Monter drew in six good rounds; Osvaldo Diago outpointed Paul Hernandez in the opening four; and Rafael Lastre won a ten round semi-final from Kid Bururu, former lightweight champion. Mario Morales, in a good eight round contest, won from Cayuco Alvarez.

Fidel Arciniega, Spanish welterweight, won from Aldo Rodriguez in the main ten round go at the Sports Palace. Arciniega is a real hard puncher, and that makes up for the little defensive tactics he employs when in action.

Jose Olivera and Jose Molina, two lethal punchers, put up a hectic scrap, Olivera having the better of the combat, but Olivera landed a terrific blow to Molina's jaw after the bell sounded terminating the round, and was disqualified. Molina won the fight, but left the ring suffering a fractured jaw.

In the preliminaries, Angel Luis, Bicet, 126½, was defeated by Ramiro Herrera; and Eduardo Menendez put up a hot battle, but was beaten by Nicolas Ferreiro.

Antonio Armenteros won an interesting ten rounder from Damaso Collazo, in the main event at the Sports Palace.

In the semi-final, Amado Miro, 114¼, and Lazaro Mazorra, 114—Miro proved his superiority and scored a three round knockout over Mazorra.

SPOKANE NEWS
By CHUCK HAINES

THE Spokane Boxing Club had only one show in month of January. It took place on January 12. It was a slam-bang affair for the Northwest lightweight title between two great little battlers, Spokane's Little Joe Velez, present N.W. champ, and game little Toy Bulldog, Joe Clemo of Portland. This was a rematch of last November's Donnybrook and brings the total to twenty rounds with the net results, two draws.

It seems as if a winner can't be picked between these two crowd-pleasers. In the early stages, Velez rocked Clemo with hard rights and on one occasion in the second round it looked like curtains for Clemo. Clemo's best round was the sixth, when he caught Velez coming off the ropes and pounded home a sizzling right to the chin that had Velez on queer street for seconds, but Velez weathered the storm and came roaring back to take the aggressive lead. Velez carried the fight to Clemo and was striving for a knockout all the way, though Clemo scored effectively with a fine left. Low blows cost Velez the decision. He was penalized four points.

The prelim card offered plenty of action. Billy Pappas of Salt Lake City decisioned Kelly Jackson in six fast rounds. Swede Bob Hagen made his pro debut a success with a three-round T.K.O. over Ron Surran of Bellingham. Jerry Renaud chalked up a T.K.O. over Larry Regan, Seattle, in three. Blackie Vanderveer of Seattle put Red Garrison on the deck for nine in the first round but Red got up to carry the fight to Vanderveer in the last three rounds and had Vanderveer in trouble at the finish, but the knockdown cost Red the decision.

Al Pinkie Cowan, Spokane, knocked out Lefty Froreich of Seattle in the second. Cowan connected with a hard left to floor the Seattle boy early in the second and followed up with another one that kept Froreich down for keeps. Jack Powers gets credit for another grand show to a packed house that grossed over $8,000. The next show is scheduled for February 16.

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AROUND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
By TOMMY McNAMARA

AL HOSTAK celebrated his thirty-third birthday by scoring a smashing nine-round K.O. over Jack "Ginger" Snapp, Oregon middleweight champ. Snapp seemed confident that he could box or punch with Big Al and action in the early round was fast with Snapp scoring left jabs and straight rights to the head. However, in the second canto Hostak bounced Snapp to the deck with a vicious left hook. For the remaining seven rounds Hostak was content to box and wait for a good target—then blast with a salvo of left hooks. By working cool and cagey Hostak floored Snapp four times and finished the game Oregon battler with a right to the chin in the ninth.

Indeed, a happy birthday for Al, and a happy night for Seattle fans who are certain that Hostak is the hardest punching middleweight in the world.

In the ten-round semi-windup Eddie Cotton, Seattle middleweight, had too much of everything for Phil Sampson, Klamath Falls toughy. Eddie dropped Sampson twice and won via a T.K.O. in the sixth.

The crowd was delivered plenty of rough and rapid action in the prelims. Don "Sugar" Cain, Seattle welter, stopped Norman Finch of Vancouver, B. C., in five. Matt Jackson scored a five-round T.K.O. over Pete Smith, Seattle light-heavy. Bob Sherrard, Seattle heavy, K.O.'ed Dick Forsythe of Fort Lewis in three.

Mel Epstein, veteran fight manager and matchmaker, has the most active and promising group of young fighters in the Northwest. Bob Sherrard, six feet four inch heavyweight, has lost but one bout in nine starts and is one of the bright spots in the heavyweight picture. Lightweight Blackie Vanderveer, twenty-two-year-old army veteran, has lost but one of his fourteen professional bouts. As an amateur scrapper Vanderveer defeated Joey Velez twice. Welterweight Don "Sugar" Cain has blasted out some of the toughest boys in a very rough division and is anxious for a fight with Buford Ransom.

SEATTLE STORY
By NORM BOBROW

SEATTLE—The biggest boxing month this city has seen in more than 10 years came to a socko climax the night of December third, when Bernard Docusen, the Filipino machine gun, came up and hammered the capable and courageous Buford Ransom into submission in the last round of their ten-round bout.

Sensing a great fight, a crowd worth $15,000 turned out for the show, the first joint effort of Promoter Larry Scheer and the linguist-world traveler-matchmaker, Joe Waterman.

Scheer, determined to see professional boxing go big in Seattle, the way it used to, started a series of weekly shows at the cozy Eagles Auditorium a month previously, and had to turn away more than 2,000 fans whom the fire department wouldn't let stand on the inside. This was a shot in the arm, and prompted the promoter to shoot for bigger game. First step, he got together with the veteran Waterman, and the signing of Docusen to meet Ransom followed immediately. The show did $5,000 more than expected, and got a bigger play the following day in the daily press than the Joe Louis exhibition of a year or so ago.

The weekly "talent" shows at the Eagles are also figured for 1949, as part of Scheer's efforts to keep pro boxing in the public eye, as well as develop another champion from Seattle and the State of Washington. Middleweights Eddie Cotton, Bernie Olson and Hostak, figure strongly in Scheer's plans. And of course, the up and coming Ransom. He showed very well against the next welterweight champion of the world.

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FROM NORTHERN IRELAND
By LEXIE DEVLIN

ULSTER HALL, BELFAST—Don Cameron, Glasgow, 137¾, was very lucky to beat the number one contender for the lightweight championship of West Ireland, Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 137¾, when the latter was disqualified in the second stanza. From the start Smyth was clearly the better man until after a fierce body attack in the second round, the Scotsman fell to the canvas and rolled about the ring indicating a foul. The referee had no alternative but to disqualify Smyth. The crowd showed their dissatisfaction.

In a bruising affair Mickey Talbot, Dublin, 151¾, outpointed Dave McLaren, Comrie, 162½, over eight rounds. Talbot was the better man throughout.

Denny Dennis, London, 125, beat Jimmy Rowe, Dublin, 119, who retired after the first stanza.

Fred McCambley, Lurgan, 137, outpointed Johnny Blane, Belfast, 134, in eight.

Johnny King, Belfast, 130½, beat Jim McCambley, Lurgan, 132¼, when he retired in the fourth round.

Ulster Hall, Belfast—In a good contest over six rounds Sam McKnight, Belfast, 146½, outpointed Peter Morgan, Belfast, 148½. In the beginning it began to look as if it was going to be a quick fight. Morgan taking four counts in the first round. However, Morgan recovered and carried the fight to McKnight. If the contest had been over eight rounds I think Morgan might have won.

Frank Quinn, Belfast, 117, defeated Alex Sewell, Belfast, 118½, in six.

Jim McCath Cutcheon, Lisbon, 128, T.K.O.'ed Hugh Smith, Belfast, 133¾, in two.

Pat McAlister, Belfast, 142, T.K.O.'ed Joe Stewart, Belfast, 142½, in one.

Dick Waring, 134¾, Lisburn, T.K.O.'ed Jim Renten, Comber, 138, in one.

Jim Brown, Belfast, 146, knocked out Billy Dunn, 150, in the first.

Ulster Hall, Belfast—In Mr. George Connell's discovery night bill, the main contest brought together Leo "Red" Deehen, Londonderry, and Bobbie Walker, Dervock, in a six-round contest. These boys had met twice before and on each occasion the result was a draw.

At the weighing-in Walker had a weight advantage scaling 146½ to Deehan's 143½. From the start Deehan took command with spirited infighting. Towards the end of the first round Deehan connected with a right to the temple which sent the Dervock lad to the canvas where he lay flat on his face while the referee counted him out.

In another contest scheduled for six, Tom Meli, Belfast, 157, beat Jackie Brown, Belfast, 153½, in half the distance.

Other results (four rounds)—Jimmy McMullen, Belfast, 126¾, outpointed Bob O'Hara, Portadown, 128¼.

In a very lively contest Alex Sewell, Belfast, 112, fought a draw with John Martin, Belfast, 112¾.

Fred Morton, Belfast, 130½, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Sheridan, Belfast, 143, in two.

Ulster Hall, Belfast: Making a fine comeback Charlie Brown, Belfast, 121¼, knocked out Joe "Boy" Collins, Eire, 118, in the second round. From the start it was a case of fine scientific boxing versus brawn, in which the former won in fine style.

In the first round Brown using a straight left to good advantage followed with a peach of a right to floor Collins for a count of nine; the bell came to his rescue. Early in the second stanza Collins again visited the canvas resulting from Brown's right. He took a count of eight, got up and was spreadeagled for a count of ten.

Making a successful and welcome reappearance Harry Fisher, Belfast, 136¼, boxed brilliantly to beat Jim Moffett, 136, Belfast, inside the distance. In the first stanza Moffett twice visited the canvas for lengthy counts, retiring in the sixth round with a damaged nose.

In a special challenge contest Matt Locke, Belfast, was disqualified in the sixth round for persistently ducking below the belt. Up to the time of disqualification Billy Stevens, Glasgow, had a narrow points lead.

In an exciting and gruelling contest, Pat Kelly, 159, Belfast, fought a grand fight to outpoint Johnny Fox, Liverpool, England, over eight rounds.

Eddie Higgins, 120¼, Belfast, T.K.O.'ed Jim Adair, 119¾, Belfast. Adair had taken two counts before the bout was stopped by the referee.

Ulster Hall, Belfast—Fulfilling all my earlier praise and expectations, Paddy Slavin, Belfast, won the heavyweight championship of Nothern Ireland on Christmas night when he beat Alex Woods, Randlestown, in two rounds. You may recall in earlier notes I stressed the name of Slavin along with Eddie McCullough as exceptionally good prospects. Incidentally both these boys come from the same camp as Rinty Monaghan.

As for Alex Woods, here I might say, is one of Ireland's best sportsmen. Whether inside or outside the ring, Alex is always a very quiet unassuming chap. Few champions can exceed the genial Alex where sportsmanship is concerned.

Coming back to the fight, Slavin scaled 183 to the champ's 177½. Slavin took the first round quite easily. Landing with good solid rights and lefts he had Woods on the defensive. Towards the end of the first round Slavin connected with some heavy blows and forced Woods to take a count of nine. On rising the bell came to his rescue. Rushing to the attack in the second round Woods slipped and twisted his ankle falling heavily to the canvas. He was obviously in great pain so his chief second, Jackie Wilson, present middleweight champion of Northern Ireland, tossed in the towel. Disappointed as he must have been Wood's sportsmanship prevailed and he was the first to congratulate this twenty-one-year-old new champion.

In an eliminating contest Jim Keery, 134¾, Lisburn, outpointed Mickey McAloran, 133¾, Belfast, over ten rounds. This was a contest which would please American fans as it was fought throughout in a two-fisted grand slugging match with Keery just a little bit better.

In another very exciting battle Gerry Smyth, 136¼, Belfast, had to pull out everything he knew to outpoint a tough rival in Billy Barton, 138, Liverpool, over eight rounds.

In another rough contest marked by infighting Jim Molloy, Liverpool, forced Jim Josephs, Carrickfergus, to retire in the third round. At the weighing-in Molloy and Josephs both scaled 148¾.

In one of the most thrilling bouts of the night, Garnet Denny, 165½, Belfast, outpointed a very tough and dangerous rival in Johnny Weatherhall, 164¼, Belfast. Denny lived up to my praise and expectations. I had earmarked Denny in earlier notes as a good prospect.

Giving a very game display John Hazel, 136½, Jamaica, outpointed Micky O'Niell, 137, Belfast, over eight rounds. Hazel received a badly gashed eye in the seventh stanza and finished the fight with blood pouring from his optic.

Now might I add a piece of praise for the promoter Mr. George Connell, on a fine night's entertainment, one of the best seen in Ireland for a long time. Keep it up.

Mr. Bob Gardiner, leading Belfast promoter, has made a number of unsuccessful offers to Rinty Monaghan to fight. First he offered him £800 which is equivalent to about $4,000, for an overweight affair with Jackie Briers, newly crowned flyweight champ of Northern Ireland. Mr. Frank McAloran turned these terms down saying they were not interested. Gardiner then offered him £5,000, about $25,000, or 40% of the gate to defend his title against Maurice Sandeyron of France. Incidentally 40% of the gate, if gate receipts equalled that of the Paterson clash, would amount to £6,000 or $30,000, but again his offer was turned down. They wanted £6,000 or $30,000 win, lose or draw. In a final bid Monaghan was offered 50% of the gate which in the Paterson clash would have amounted to £7,000 or about $35,000. However, nothing has come out of this offer yet.

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FROM DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
By LEONARD NEILL

DURBAN—A new South African welterweight champion was born on the first European tournament down here for six months. He is Don Carr, 147, from Johannesburg, who beat the reigning champion, Alf James, 146¼, on points over twelve rounds. The fight swung in either man's favor up to the last round, when Carr, with a minute and a half to go, dropped James for "seven" to clinch the victory. James is now moving up into the middleweights where he will be a force to reckon with.

World Amateur Light-heavyweight Champion George Hunter, 175, having his second pro fight, didn't look very promising, and was well beaten on points by Billy Woods, 175¼, over six rounds. Woods, who was content to counter punch, proved too good for Hunter. Neither appeared to pack much of a punch. A thrilling heavyweight bout featured the veteran Barney Collins, 211¼, and the novice George Bissett, 190½, which Collins won by the K.O. route in round two. What had been expected to be a dull bout over six rounds, turned out to be a rip-roaring slugfest.

Henry Moll, 157½, had the edge on Ken La Grange, 157¼, when the referee stopped the bout in the third of a six-rounder because Moll's eye was badly cut.

In the opening four, rugged Tony Liversage, 145¼, beat Harold Roberts, 146¾, on points. Liversage barely eked out the decision.

News from Cape Town says that Wally Thompson, Durban Non-European welter, K.O.'ed "The Black Terror", Jerry Mounokgothe, in round seven. Wally, who is only 21, is now back in his best form. On the same program Philip Agulhas K.O.'ed Lucky Maharaj. This came as a surprise. A young bantam named Pancho Villa outpointed P. M. Pillay, aged bantam from Durban. George Samuels managed a draw with S. Govender.

News from England says that Piet van Staden, of whom THE RING published a photo we sent in, won his first fight over there comfortably against Ric Sanders. He is the best prospect turned out by Durban since the late Ben Foord.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

CARL OLSON, territorial middleweight champion of Honolulu, scored a technical kayo over Paulie Perkins of Salt Lake City in 1:06 of the second of a scheduled ten-round fight at the Civic Auditorium. A small assemblage of 1,541 fans paid $2,719.75 to witness the Augie Curtis promoted card.

From the beginning of the fight it was apparent that Olson was the better boy and he would have things pretty much his own as he worked on Perkins' head and body with punishing left hooks. But his timing was still slightly off on his right crosses and he missed several hard punches. However, towards the end of the round he connected with the first right hand punch of the fight. It landed a little too high on Perkins' head to do much damage.

In the second round Olson again set the pace and after chasing his younger opponent around the ring, finally caught Perkins with a terrific right flush to the jaw. Perkins sagged to the floor all but out although he managed to regain his feet at the count of nine. But it was obvious that he was out on his feet and in no condition to continue as he tottered about the ring in a dazed condition. Olson was ready to charge in for the kill but the referee intervened and stopped the fight as Perkins' second threw in the towel.

Carl Olson weighed 161¼ to Paulie Perkins' 161 for this fight.

Other results: Louis Langley, 122, pounded out a four-round win over Johnny Efhan, 125½. Jose Jumao-as, 118½, won a dubious decision over Bobby Sanders, 118½, in four. Mike Inis, 130, beat James Nagao, 128¼, in four rounds. Charley Colon, 125½, won all four rounds over Ossie Matlock, 125½, in the opener.

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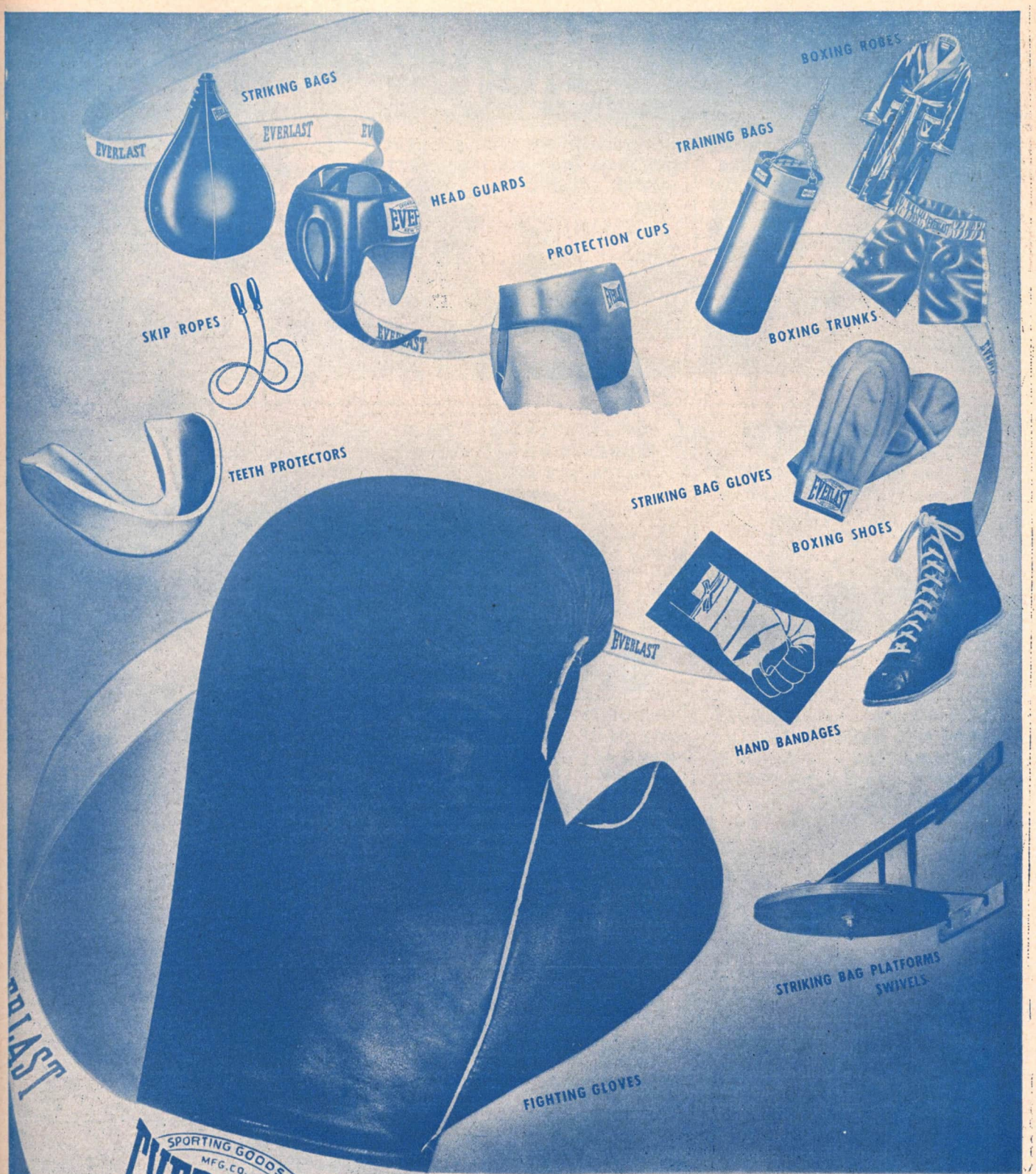

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